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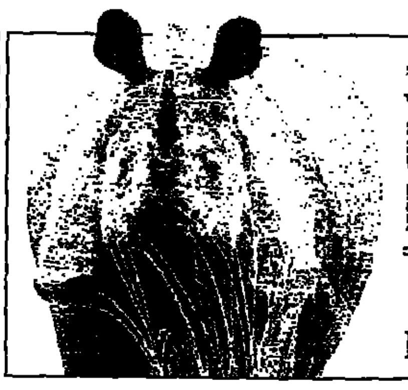

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Eurosceptic candidates – not their parties – win The Times vote

The Times today advises voters to support general election candidates who are opposed to further European integration.

In a break with recent tradition, the newspaper has decided to refrain from endorsing any of the main parties.

Instead it recommends support for the candidates — mainly Conservative and Labour, but including representatives of four other parties — who have declared their Eurosceptic credentials. A list of recommended candidates appeared in the newspaper yesterday and will be updated on polling day.

In a leading article, *The Times* identifies two striking developments of the past Parliament: the transformation of Labour under Tony Blair into an electable party; and the collapse of the "body and spirit" of the Conservative Party.

It says of Labour: "The speed of this change — the abandonment of so many anachronistic and disastrous policies in so short a period of time — has been extraordinary. *The Times* has strongly supported those changes and the way in which they have been made. So great has been the speed of change that faith and imagination, rather than firm policy pronouncements, must form the source of optimism for those millions who intend to vote Labour for the first time this week." *The Times*, however, will not endorse what is "still a tower of dreams".

Of the Conservatives, it says: "While Labour has been changing itself, the very momentum of its metamorphosis has been enough to keep it together. For the Conservatives there has been no equivalent movement to keep the party upright. A tiny mandate from 1992, tightening tensions between Right and Left, reactive leadership and unnecessarily prolonged recession have taken a heavy toll."

Because the divisions on Europe are within the parties rather than between them "our endorsement in this election, therefore, falls not on a party slate but upon individual candidates whose European ideals we support . . . For *The Times* the European future is the fulcrum of public policy. A proper sense of the choices now facing this country, a profound vision of how the current moves to unite Europe could all so easily bring its collapse, a clear-sighted understanding of the gulf between what our partners say, what they mean and what they really want: that is what Britain needs to be able to vote for."

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72 hours left to save UK, says Major

By Philip Webster, James Landale and Arthur Leathley

ANTHONY UPTON

John Major is applauded by Tory Central Office staff as he appeared on Abingdon Green outside Parliament to call on to voters "to save Britain"

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THE Prime Minister issued a warning last night that were there were "only 72 hours" to save the United Kingdom.

After a whirlwind tour covering England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, John Major stood outside Parliament to proclaim the "twin threat" posed by a Labour government: the break-up of the UK and a sell-out to Europe.

It was a carefully stage-managed event and dismissed as a stunt by Labour — which yesterday ordered more than 200 former MPs into marginal constituencies for a final campaigning blitz after Tony Blair cautioned against complacency and insisted that Britain was "not a landslide country".

But as Big Ben chimed six, Mr Major said the election was not just about who would govern Britain for the next five years: "It is predominantly a question of what that Government will do over the next five years."

He said of the Amsterdam summit next month: "What is at stake is whether or not this country finds itself dragged inexorably in the direction of a federal Europe." The Tories would "draw a line in the sand" against any further integration, he told staff from the nearby Conservative Central Office. "But if Mr Blair went to Amsterdam, there would be a Dutch auction of British interests, a surrender of our veto."

The second threat, he said, came from Labour's plans for devolution to Scotland and Wales. "I have not a shred of doubt that they would lead in the short term to friction with Scotland, and in the slightly longer term, to fracture with Scotland, a break up of Scotland from the United Kingdom.

"The message I would give to you, to the British nation, we have 72 hours to save the union, 72 hours to make sure that the nature of our government is not changed irrevocably for the worse, with power draining away from Westminster."

"There are 72 hours in which to save the Union, 72 hours to make sure that the system of Government that has prevailed in this country for a very long time is protected and enshrined, and not through a combination of thoughtlessness and ill-digested policies, and a failure to understand what these policies mean — not broken up and divided in one direction towards the EU and the other to a devolved Parliament across the United Kingdom."

At the same time, Mr Blair and John Prescott were preparing to lead Labour's final onslaught on the marginals. Mr Blair has telephoned each of the the party's regional secretaries urging a last effort to ensure the largest possible turn-out on Thursday. Staff have been emptying out of the campaign headquarters in Westminster to bolster the fight on the ground. Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, said it marked the most intensive effort ever mounted by the party in the closing stages of an election.

It is the first time that so many former MPs have taken time off from their own constituencies to join the fight in marginals. "We are fighting for every vote and taking nothing for granted," Mr Brown said. The party had been boosted by the recruitment of 11,000 members and by £3 million in donations from 100,000 people since the campaign began. These have funded a final advertising blitz in tabloid newspapers and women's magazines.

If the effort bears fruit and Mr Blair inflicts a heavy defeat on the Conservatives, Mr Major is expected to announce on Friday that he intends to step down as leader — although his close allies believe that he will stay on until to July to allow an orderly transition to the new leader and avoid an immediate "bloodbath".

One told *The Times* yesterday: "John will do what is right for the party. I do not think he wants John Redwood to win. One way of helping Redwood would be to go early."

The candidates would be certain to include Michael Portillo, who today makes one of the most savage Cabinet attacks on Mr Blair since the campaign began and says that people who think the Conservatives need a spell in opposition are simply wrong.

Writing in *The Times*, the Defence Secretary accuses the Labour leader of "looking into the television cameras and lying to the British people about the Government's pension reforms.

"Tony Blair's highest aspiration is just to echo what is popular. He is a follower not a leader. That is why he tries to be all things to all men."

Britain ready for Zaire evacuation

Britain prepared for an evacuation of its nationals from Zaire by sending 200 soldiers with three Hercules C130 transport aircraft to central Africa.

The Ministry of Defence said the troops would be based in Libreville, the capital of Gabon, to be ready to deploy to Zaire.

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Tighter security for the Maze

Stricter security measures are to be imposed inside the Maze prison after a government inquiry into an IRA attempt to tunnel out of the jail found that the paramilitaries controlled the H-blocks.

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'Strictly off-record' Currie submits a £2,000 bill to paper

By Andrew Pierce, Political Correspondent

EDWINA CURRIE has sent a £2,000 bill for journalistic services to the newspaper which published her predictions of a Labour landslide.

Tory strategists were appalled by Mrs Currie's decision to fax an invoice to Richard Addis, the Editor of *The Express*, only 24 hours after she claimed that her comments in the Sunday edition were off the record.

They had spent the last 48 hours assuring journalists that Mrs Currie had been "stitched-up" by the newspaper whose chief executive is Lord Hollick, a Labour peer and close ally of Tony Blair. The remarks appeared in a signed article.

The ensuing controversy, which was generated by her blunt criticism of John Major and the Tory campaign, overshadowed the latest Tory attempt to launch a fightback. The Prime Minister was reported to be furious.

But her attempt to seek payment might not succeed. Mrs Currie never put pen to paper. The offending article was based on a 25-minute telephone conversation with a member of the newspaper's political staff.

Mrs Currie, one of the most outspoken pro-European members of the Tory party, warmed to her theme during the conversation about the failings of the election campaign.

Not only did the former Health Minister predict that her own South Derbyshire seat was a lost cause, she also forecast a Labour majority of more than 100 and said that Mr Major looked weak against Tony Blair.

Mrs Currie, who for the second day in succession was uncharacteristically unavailable for comment, was virtually disowned by the party high command.

Her own supporters, who are fighting an uphill battle to retain her seat, which is number 20 on the Labour target list, were also enraged.

One senior Tory campaigner said last night: "Well this gives the lie to the fact her comments were off the record. If she gets the £2,000 I hope she donates it to the redundancy fund of any Tories who lose her seat thanks to her unhelpful comments."

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, speaking in Blackpool yesterday, said: "I have been trying to defend Edwina on several occasions over the years. I must say I find it difficult on this occasion."

Mr Clarke added: "I have heard her explanation that she was speaking off the record. I would prefer that she did not speak like that on or off the record."

Cabbies ride to rescue of colleague

By Adrian Lee

A MINICAB driver's call for help was answered by almost 100 colleagues who formed a cordon in their cars to trap his alleged attackers. The cabbies sprang into action when they heard John Davis broadcast a coded message for assistance in Hull.

Scores of cars responded, some carrying passengers, and boxed off the city's North Hull estate, until a police helicopter arrived to search the area. Mr Davis, 32, was allegedly threatened with a machete to the throat and a flick knife, but managed to grab his radio.

"It was like the cavalry arriving — it was a great relief," Mr Davis said. "The passengers all joined in the search. There were lasses in their nightclub gear running round helping."

Bill Allen, of his company A1 Cars, said taxi companies in the city set up the coded call system seven years ago, but the response was unprecedented. Two men were arrested after a heat-seeking device on the helicopter discovered them hiding in a garden. The men, aged 19 and 28, were charged with attempted robbery yesterday and remanded in custody.

Cherie Booth to sit as judge two weeks after the election

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

CHERIE BOOTH will sit as a judge within two weeks of becoming the Prime Minister's wife if Labour wins the election on Thursday.

In addition, in a clear sign that she intends to continue her career at the Bar, Ms Booth, who is a QC, will next week appear for a local authority in the Court of Appeal in a test case over employees' conditions.

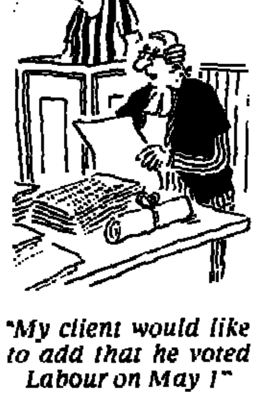
Ms Booth, an assistant recorder, is booked to sit for two weeks from May 19 in the City of London and Mayor's Guildhall County Court. She will take the list normally handled by Judge Byrt, QC, which mainly covers personal injury claims and the occasional breach of contract.

Thomas Fowles, a court official, said: "These cases normally last about two or three days — you might get someone making a claim over an injury that could affect their future employment, perhaps a traffic accident." He added that the court was not usually attended by the public.

An assistant recordership is the first rung on the judicial ladder. Ms Booth must sit for at least 20 weeks a year to fulfil her duties. But Leslie Page, her clerk, confirmed yesterday that, before taking up her judicial appointment, she will be in the Court of Appeal.

She is acting for St Helen's Metropolitan Borough Council in a case keenly watched by employment lawyers. The case is being brought by employees in a special school who underwent changes in their conditions of employment when it was taken over from the local county council by the local borough council.

Some lawyers question that Ms Booth will be able to sustain her practice at the Bar if she moves to Downing Street. They say she will present problems of security, but Heather Hallett, vice-chairman of the Bar, has strongly defended her. "If anyone can manage it, she can," she said.



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Water company sows seeds of drought gardening

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

A WATER company that last year suggested its customers should pave over their gardens yesterday launched a cash discount scheme for people buying drought-resistant plants.

Severn Trent, which serves the Midlands, said anyone buying the plants at participating garden centres and nurseries would receive a 10 per cent discount. The offer also covers watering cans — to encourage less reliance on hosepipes — water retaining granules for pot plants, composters and water butts.

Plants deemed to be drought tolerant include alyssum, salvia, sedum, thyme, lavender and wallflowers. Others include ice plant, catmint, aubretia, New Zealand flax, yucca, spanish broom, lamb's ear and rock rose.

Jo Foster, the company's head of customer relations, said yesterday: "Efficient use of water must become second nature for everyone if we want to make hosepipe bans a thing of the past. There are many simple steps we can all take, including having plants which need less watering and less looking after, to help us make the most of every drop."

The company, which is paying for leaflets and information packs linked with the promotion, said the suggested plants combined bright colours, strong scents and varied foliage with drought-busting properties.

The scheme is being backed up at 50 garden centres with practical demonstrations on water conservation in gardens. David Sugden, manager at Bayley's Garden Centre in Shrewsbury, Shropshire, said yesterday that they were drawing up a list of 12 plants and 12 items such as watering cans to be offered under the discount scheme.

A spokesman for Severn Trent, which serves over seven million customers, pointed out that the discount scheme was only part of its water conservation strategy. He said the company's leakage rate from its mains network was being cut back dramatically. It was spending £400 million a year over the next five years on general improvements and had spent £200 million in the past 18 months on anti-drought meaures.

It was also opening up new resources, including boreholes to tap underground reserves in places such as Birmingham, where a decline in heavy industry had led to a rise in the water table.

☐ Water meters can dramatically cut consumption in better-off households and do not threaten the health of families in poorer households, according to a survey by Mid Kent Water.

It found that people in high rateable value properties, which tend to be homes with large, thirsty gardens and two cars, on average use 26 per cent less water once they are on meters. People living in low rateable value properties first cut back on water use by up to 15 per cent, but eventually increased consumption as they became comfortable with metering.

POLLEN INFORMATION LINE OPENS

Two low-pollen gardens were opened yesterday by the National Asthma Campaign. The paved gardens, in Enfield, north London, and Truro, Cornwall, have been planted with insect-pollinated plants such as geraniums, iris and clematis, and show that it is possible to create a place where hay fever sufferers can be comfortable. The gardens were opened as the charity's pollen information line (0171 971 0444) went into service. This is the first year the charity has operated the service, which has in the past been provided by commercial concerns.

IRA tunnel blamed on lax security at Maze prison

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

TOUGHER security measures are to be imposed at the Maze prison after a government inquiry into an IRA attempt to tunnel out of the jail found that the paramilitaries controlled the H-blocks.

At Maghaberry jail yesterday, two prisoners armed with a pistol and an improvised handgun held an officer hostage. The discovery that a 9 mm millimetre Walther pistol and an improvised "zip gun" plus ammunition had been smuggled into the top-security jail in County Antrim is a further blow to morale within the Northern Ireland Prison Service.

Last night the RUC began an investigation into the four-hour incident at Foyle House within Maghaberry prison. Two prisoners seized the officer as he was escorting them from the health centre.

The inmates, one serving life for murder and the other 25 years for attempted murder, produced the weapons and threatened the officer. They made no clear demands but the incident was believed to be linked to the Irish National Liberation Army.

Finlay Spratt, chairman of the Prison Officers' Association in the Province, claimed that the men fired one of the weapons at staff five times but on each occasion it failed.

The two men eventually gave themselves up. The officer was released unharmed.

Within hours, far-reaching measures to tighten security in the H-blocks at the Maze jail were published in a statement. The absence of proper security and staff from the wings had allowed the IRA to dig a tunnel for 30 metres from a cell in A wing of H-block 7.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, admitted that through intimidation, paramilitary prisoners had, over a number of years, "in effect gained control within the wings to which they were confined". He added: "Recently, searches have been carried out only infrequently."

The IRA had broken through a concrete floor, dug through a metre of hardcore and infill and then tunnelled at a depth of two metres. They had used tool and materials improvised from cell furniture and handicraft materials.

"Spoil was deposited in two cells at the end of the wing. Prisoners were able to achieve all of this because of the effective absence of staff from the wings, and the steps which prisoners had taken to obscure the line of sight down the wings," Sir Patrick said.

The report into the discovery last month of the escape attempt calls for twice-daily lock-ups of prisoners with head-counts; random cell checks, including the examination of the fabric of the cell; and a purposeful staff presence on all wings.

Full searches of the H-blocks are to be held frequently and unpredictably and strict controls to be imposed on prisoners' movements. Any prisoner moving between an H-block is to be searched.

Supplies issued to wings should be strictly checked, the report says, and cell furniture to be made of soft materials to prevent terrorists adapting furniture for illicit purposes. The report also recommends the improvement of closed-circuit television.

☐ Loyalist paramilitaries are being blamed for a 100lb bomb found outside the Sinn Fein offices in Belfast.

The device, containing home-made explosives, was found in an abandoned car on the Falls Road. The alert was raised at 7am yesterday when a local radio station received a telephone warning. Army bomb disposal experts carried out two controlled explosions.

Plans put forward for 12 new jails

By Richard Ford and Stephen Farrell

THE Government plans 12 new jails to cope with the rising number of offenders.

The Prison Service has quietly submitted plans to build a 600-inmate jail to hold medium-risk offenders at Onley in Northamptonshire and is planning to build a similar-sized jail at Pucklechurch in south Gloucestershire. It has also earmarked land next to the top-security Belmarsh prison in Woolwich, southeast London, for a third 600-offender jail, and is still searching for a suitable site near Telford, Shropshire.

A further eight jails are planned at sites in England as part of a building programme to house 7,200 inmates. The 12 new jails are in addition to six 800-inmate jails planned or under construction at Bridgend, South Wales, Fazakerley on Merseyside, Agecroft in Salford, Winson Green in Birmingham, near the Lakeside shopping centre in Thurrock, Essex, and at Lowdham Grange in Nottinghamshire.

The Prison Service has submitted plans to demolish a women's jail holding 50 inmates at Pucklechurch and build a new jail for 400 Category-B inmates on the site. Councillors on south Gloucestershire planning committee will discuss the proposals on May 15.

The service currently proposes to let the private sector design, construct, finance and manage the new jails. However, it is unclear what would happen if Labour wins power. Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, is opposed to private prisons.

The site for the new jail at Onley is adjacent to an existing young offender institution housing 520 inmates. Paul Green, head of planning with Daventry council, said it would go before the planning committee on May 28 or July 2 but approval was by no means certain.

"Normally development in open countryside is frowned upon. The Home Office will have to come forward with some convincing reasons to persuade the committee that this is acceptable," he said.

Army doctor 'gave wrong advice on Down's test'

By Emma Wilkins

DAVID CHESKIN/PA

Sandra Hurley leaving the High Court yesterday

A WOMAN gave birth to a Down's syndrome baby after a military doctor wrongly advised her against a diagnostic test, the High Court in London was told yesterday.

Sandra Hurley, 42, from Aldershot, Hampshire, feared that her child would be born handicapped because she was aged 35 at the time. She agreed not to have an amniocentesis test when Major Lawrence Roberts of the Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot, told her that the risks of handicap were the same as when she was aged 25 and that the procedure carried a 1 per cent chance of miscarriage, the court was told.

Mrs Hurley, who is divorced with two other children aged 22 and 10, is claiming damages for medical negligence against the Ministry of Defence. While she adores her son Matthew, 7, the burden of caring for him is immense. Richard Davies, QC, told the court. "Love and devotion cannot obscure the enormous burden to her of his profound disability," Mr Davies said.

Mrs Hurley, a civilian, asked Major Roberts — then a trainee in obstetrics and gynaecology — about an amniocentesis test which detects Down's syndrome at 16 weeks of pregnancy at her first consultation in January 1990.

"Having pressed her preference by saying she would prefer to take the risk of abortion, she acknowledged that the doctor was the expert," Mr Davies said.

He said medical experts would be called to establish that there is a three times greater risk of having a Down's syndrome baby at 35 than 25.

While Major Roberts cannot remember the precise details of the conversation he explained that it was not general hospital policy to consider amniocentesis for woman aged 35, the court was told. It is considered at the hospital for those aged 37 to 39 and automatically offered to pregnant women aged 40 and above.

The case continues.

Grandmother of Ecstasy girl questions transplant decision

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

THE grandmother of a 15-year-old Ecstasy user who died after she was refused a liver transplant questioned the decision to give an alcoholic footballer two liver transplants on the National Health Service.

Margaret Pirie, 56, told a fatal accident inquiry into the death of her grand-daughter, Michelle Paul, that she had become angry when doctors had told her that Michelle would not receive the £60,000 operation. Without the operation the schoolgirl would die, her family had been told.

Mrs Pirie, a former auxillary nurse, told the court in Aberdeen that she had questioned one of the members of the medical team at the liver transplant unit in Edinburgh Royal Infirmary about the decision to give Jim Baxter, a former Rangers and Scotland foorballer and self-confessed alcoholic, two liver transplants when Michelle could not get one.

She said Dr Naill Finlayson had told her the decison had been made "on moral grounds" by Hilary Sanfey, who was a surgeon and the senior member of the team. The inquiry has previously heard that Michelle had admitted taking drugs and her mother Carolann Paul, 37, had been a drug addict. Her stepfather, John Paul, was in prison for drug-related offences at the time of her death.

Michelle died 23 days after taking Ecstacy at a rave in Aberdeen in November 1995. Her death came a week after that of Leah Betts. The inquiry continues.

NEWS IN BRIEF

BSE scientists to test Norwegian dog brain

Government veterinary scientists are to examine brain tissue from a Norwegian golden retriever in what may be the first proven case of "mad cow" disease in a dog. Ministry of Agriculture officials confirmed yesterday that samples of brain material from the 11-year-old animal, which died this month, had been received from Norway and had been sent to the Institute of Animal Health in Edinburgh for analysis.

Vets in Oslo suspect BSE-type changes. The Kennel Club and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals yesterday criticised the Government for failing to publish research carried out six years ago which suggested that dogs might be able to contract "mad cow" disease.

Haughey case adjourns

The Dublin tribunal investigating payments to politicians adjourned yesterday without Charles Haughey, the former Irish Prime Minister, answering allegations that he received £1.3 million from a supermarket tycoon. Ben Dunne, the former head of Dunnes Stores chain of supermarkets, said he paid Mr Haughey £1.3 million through banks in London, the Isle of Man and the Cayman Islands. Mr Haughey has not answered any of the allegations made by Mr Dunne.

BA awaits Paris ruling

British Airways will learn today whether its court effort to prevent Air Algérie operating from Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris has been succesful. BA yesterday argued at a court in Versailles that its passengers were being put at risk because of a lack of security around the Algerian state airline check-in desks. When Air Algérie moved into neighbouring desks at the weekend, BA moved its check-in to the roof of the terminal, then to a hotel.

Wren strangled

A Royal Navy Wren was found strangled yesterday in a flat at Stonehouse, Plymouth, a few hundred yards from her base at HMS Drake. Leading Wren Tammy Williams, 23, originally from Leicestershire, was a photographer for operational work and public relations. It is thought that Miss Williams, who had worked at the Devonport base since January, lived outside the base. Police arrested a man aged 30, who was being questioned by detectives last night.

Judges make Net gain

Court of Appeal judges have used the Internet to issue a ruling in an attempt to overcome difficulties arising from more than 100 appeals from people who say their cases have been wrongly struck off court lists for not meeting strict timetables. The judges criticised having to post copies of their 75-page judgment to all 500 judges in England and Wales because the Government has not set up a computer system by which judgments could be issued electronically.

Soul singer fined

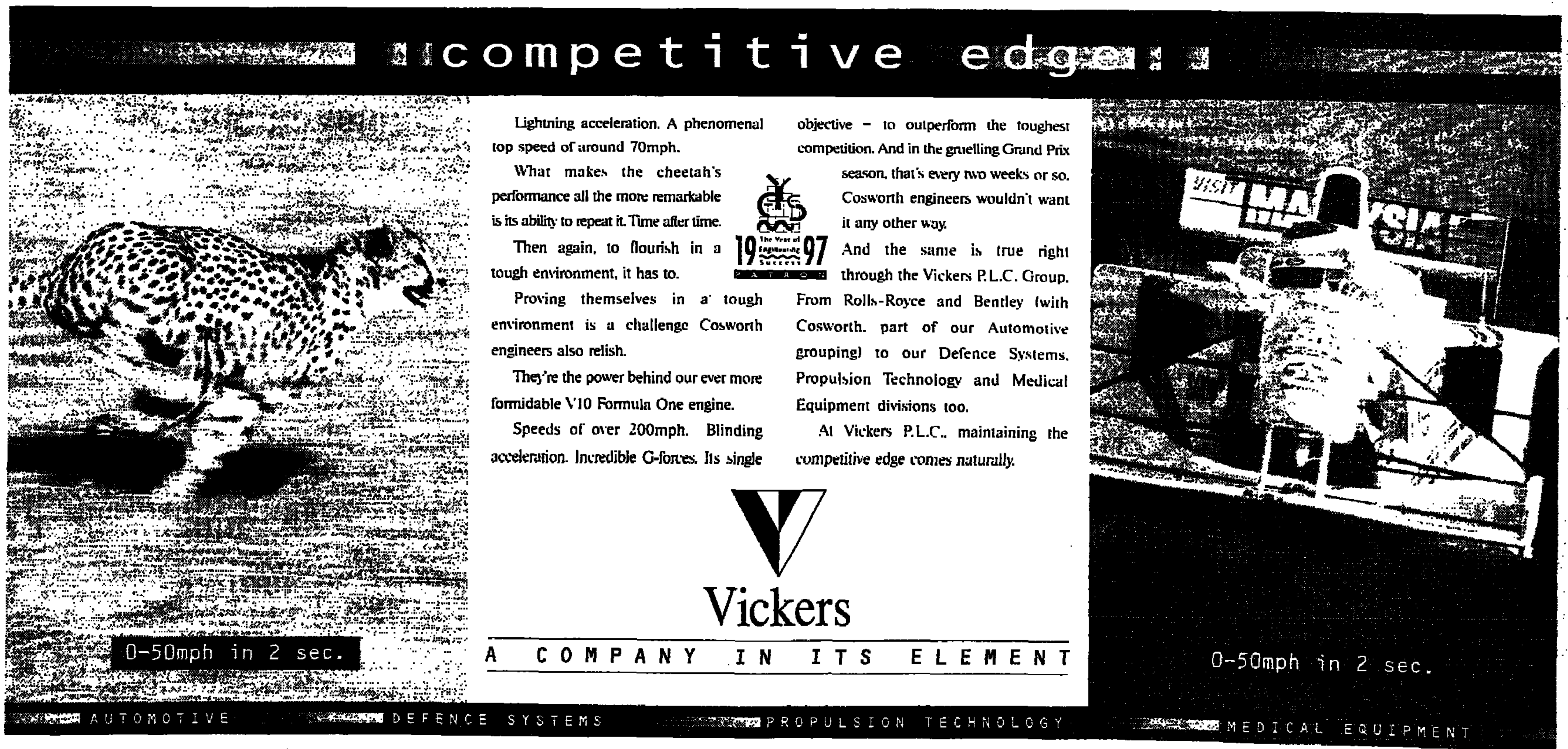
The soul singer Mark Morrison, right, was fined £750 after admitting threatening behaviour against a group of people he claimed had kicked his car in Leicester city centre. The magistrates' chairman, Harold Clark, said: "With fame comes a responsibility to behave in a proper manner." The court was told that Morrison, 24, had a living allowance of £1,200 a month from his record company.

BBC apologises for libel

The multimillionaire Barclay brothers accepted a public apology from the broadcaster John Sweeney and the BBC over a suggestion that their concern for privacy was explained by an alleged involvement in a 1970s corruption scandal. David and Frederick Barclay, who live on Brecqhou in the Channel Islands, had sued for libel over a radio report. They were content with the apology and a BBC donation to the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children.

Tortoise returns home

An elderly widow praised police yesterday after they reunited her with a tortoise that has been her companion for 20 years. Alice Ward, 83, found the tortoise, called Humphrey, was missing after a street vendor called at her home in Oundle, Northamptonshire, last Thursday. Three days later a police officer in Nottingham, 90 miles away, recognised Humphrey after he had been found in a bag.



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Singer accuses Boy George of being obsessive liar

Boy George: said the attraction was instant

By Kathryn Knight

THE singer Boy George was accused in the High Court yesterday of being an obsessive and vindictive liar by the man he had earlier described as the love of his life.

Kirk Brandon told the 35-year-old pop star that he was a "professional liar" who had tried to destroy him by claiming that their friendship in the 1980s had been a sexual relationship.

He accused the former lead singer of Culture Club of being obsessed with trying to "out" him as a homosexual even though he was happily married with a daughter. Mr Brandon, 40, from East Dulwich, London, is suing Boy George for malicious falsehood in a 1995 autobiography in which George wrote: "Sleeping with Kirk wasn't sex, it was absolute love." He is also suing Boy George over a song, called *Unfinished Business*, on his last album.

Mr Brandon, 40, has admitted sharing a bed with Boy George after going to late-night clubs in the early 1980s but denies that homosexual activity took place.

Mr Brandon, who is representing himself, said: "I put it to you that you were obsessed, have been obsessed and probably still are obsessed with me. Have you ever thought about stopping, leaving me alone?" Boy George replied: "I wouldn't describe myself as obsessed with you. I said in my book that you were very talented and I loved you. Where is the damage in that?"

Mr Brandon, who enjoyed chart success with the bands Theatre of Hate and Spear of Destiny, questioned him abut *Unfinished Business*. "Did you enjoy writing such a vindictive and malicious song?". Boy George replied: "You were in a band called Theatre of Hate, Kirk. You weren't called the Blushing Flowers. What does that say?"

Earlier, giving evidence, Boy George told Mr Justice Douglas Brown that Mr Brandon had become the "great love of my life" after they met in a pub in 1980. "I didn't know who he was but I thought he was really handsome, very charming and funny, one of those people you meet and instantly become friends with. I was sexually attracted from the moment I saw him and I knew Kirk was attracted to me instantly."

After a few weeks Mr Brandon asked to stay at his squat, Boy George said. On the first night they kept their T-shirts and underwear on but hugged and kissed, he said, but after that their relationship grew into a sexual one and they had spent more than 100 nights together.

He said: "Kirk was the great love of my life at that time. We were inseparable. We held hands in public. At the time I was walking around in high-heeled shoes and very outrageous clothes. I was very well known in London."

Their friendship ended after a night out when Boy George was dressed as Boadicea. "Kirk said he needed space away from me. We had a violent argument. He left and I smashed up my room." They resumed their relationship for a short time, he said, but then did not see each other for several years. Boy George said he had described Mr Brandon as his boyfriend in several articles and had not received complaints. He said he had written asking Mr Brandon if he wanted to make comments about his autobiography but had received no feedback.

He told his counsel, Patrick Maloney, that he wrote *Unfinished Business* when he learnt that Mr Brandon had married. "I was expressing my true feelings about Kirk. He has denied our relationship for 20 years. If there was no relationship, then why are we in court 20 years later fighting about it?" The case continues.

Brandon: denies that friendship was sexual

RICHARD AUSTIN

Four Quantock staghounds wait to be let loose at the season's last formal meet yesterday. The hunt will now not be able to use National Trust land in the Quantock Hills

National Trust ban may spell staghounds' death

By Michael Hornsby
Countryside Correspondent

THE Quantock Staghounds may have to put down 60 hounds because of the National Trust's decision to ban stag-hunting on its land from the end of this month.

The hunt, which killed one deer yesterday in what may well have been the last formal meet in its 90-year history, will no longer be licensed to use 900 acres of trust-owned country in the Quantock Hills in north Somerset, leaving it with insufficient land to hunt regularly. Roly Ford, the hunt chairman, said: "We have got 60 hounds between two and seven years old and we fear we may end up having to put them down, but we will be fighting to avoid this if at all possible.

"Staghounds are trained to follow a deer's scent and it is highly unlikely they could be retrained to hunt foxes. Nor would they make good pets, as they are pack animals which have lived in kennels all their lives. If they have to be put down, it would probably be with a pistol."

The Quantock Staghounds, which has up to 100 riders and 700 followers, met yesterday on the lawns of Bagborough House, near Taunton, where presentations were made to loyal hunt servants. The deer-hunting season ends at the end of April and resumes in August.

Mr Ford said the hunt committee had not yet decided whether the Quantock Staghounds would give up hunting completely. "We may still be able to hunt occasionally — if the Devon and Somerset Staghounds invite us to use their territory — but certainly not twice a week, as in the past. The trust land we have been banned from is in five separate blocks, fragmenting our hunting territory and making it unuseable."

Bill Fewings, the master of the Quantock, who has hunted for 50 years, said he saw little hope of the hunt being saved. The hunt says that there will now be indiscriminate shooting of red deer by landowners, who had previously relied on the hunt to control deer numbers.

But John Hicks, of International Animal Rescue, said: "It has been one of the greatest days of my life. The deer have gone through terrible suffering. They would be better off being shot out of existence than undergoing the horrendous suffering if hunting continued."

The trust decided on the ban in response to a two-year inquiry by Professor Patrick Bateson, an animal behaviour expert at Cambridge University. He found that hunted deer suffered even greater stress than severely injured animals.

The ban also covers 12,000 acres used by the Devon and Somerset Staghounds and some 400 acres used by the Tiverton Staghounds. The New Forest Buckhounds will lose about 370 acres. They plan to continue on non-trust land.

Girlfriend hit Bondi 'killer' with handbag

From Roger Maynard in Sydney

THE girlfriend of Brian Hagland, the London postman beaten to death near Bondi Beach last year, tried to save him by hitting his attacker with her handbag, a Sydney court was told yesterday.

Twice Connie Casey struck Aaron Martin over the head, but he simply looked up and continued the assault, the court was told. The attack was recounted during the prosecution's opening statement at committal proceedings against Mr Martin, 23, who is accused of murder, and Sean Cushman, who is charged with being an accessory.

Chris Maxwell, for the prosecution, said that Mr Hagland, 28, had been walking home with Miss Casey, 25, in the early hours of September 7 when Mr Martin set upon him. He said the accused was drunk and in a mood of explosive physical aggression. "He was looking for someone to take it out upon," Mr Maxwell said.

Mr Martin, waving his clenched fists at Mr Hagland, shouted: "Come on then!" Mr Hagland replied that he did not want trouble.

As Mr Martin started to hit him they fell onto the road, wrestling. At one stage Mr Martin had his hands around Mr Hagland's throat and seemed to be strangling him, the court was told. While Miss Casey tried to separate them by hitting Mr Martin with her handbag, he continued to punch Mr Hagland.

The exact circumstances of what happened next were still unclear, Mr Maxwell said, but at some stage Mr Hagland was hit by a passing bus as it turned a corner. The prosecution said that, in the struggle, Mr Hagland may have walked or fallen into the side of the bus; he may have been savagely beaten and fallen into the path of the bus unconscious; or he may have been pushed into the bus.

A post-mortem examination found that Mr Hagland, who was on a working holiday, had suffered multiple injuries. He also sustained numerous fractures consistent with the impact of the bus or having being jumped upon.

"The Crown says he [Martin] caused the death of Mr Hagland and that at all times had the intent to inflict grevious bodily harm or to kill him," Mr Maxwell said. "It doesn't matter how much or how little the bus was involved, there was a causal link between the defendant's action and the death of the deceased."

The court was also told that Mr Cushman had allegedly told friends that Mr Martin had pushed Mr Hagland into the side of the bus.

The trial continues.

Boy, 14, left scarred by his father's beatings

By A Staff Reporter

A BOY was scarred for life after being repeatedly whipped, punched, kicked and throttled by his father, a college lecturer. The 14-year-old boy told Southwark Crown Court he would be forced to lay naked on his bed as his father beat him with a rubber shower hose.

The boy was giving evidence at the trial of his father, who denies three charges of unlawful wounding and one of cruelty between September 1994, and last August. During one severe beating last August "I was begging him to stop", the boy, from Brixton, south London, said. "But he told me I should not scream. He then shut and locked the window so the neighbours could not hear me."

After this incident, the boy was told to get out of the flat and ran away. When the police found him he told them of the alleged cruelty.

When his father, 42, learnt what he had done, he spoke of handing out "the beating of my life", which left him so scared he felt he could never live with his father again, the boy said. A teacher to whom he had described his ordeals contacted social services and he was taken into care.

The father told police that he had tried to "chastise" his son. The trial continues.

Abuse victims see couple's downfall after 20 years

By Michael Horsnell

AN ELDERLY couple who abused frightened youngsters at a children's home 20 years ago were sent to prison yesterday. Many of the victims wept while describing the ordeals of their childhood in court.

Joyce Beesley, 70, was jailed for five years at Liverpool Crown Court, convicted of cruelty to 13 children. Her husband, Kenneth, 73, found guilty of ill treating one child and indecently assaulting four girls, was given 2½ years.

The offences spanned 13 years, ending in 1978. Beesley had been employed by the city council as house-mother at the six-bedroomed home in Fazakerley. Her husband, lived there *de facto* as the house father.

Punishments for minor misdemeanours such as looking out of the window included being made to cut the grass with scissors, and having to stand naked for hours with their hands on their heads while others were encouraged to ridicule them.

One boy was left sitting in a chair in the garden all day until sunburnt and blistered. Bed-wetting was punished by being tied or pinned into a pillowcase and left on the floor or bed. The indecent assaults involved three girls, aged between 11 and 14. One of them was abused two or three times a week for several months.

The children spent much of their time sitting in a cold, spartan dining room, where they had poor, inadequate food. The wife, described as the dominant personality, sent children to buy good food but that was for the couple and their own two children. One hungry girl ate toothpaste.

Children were not allowed out of their secured bedrooms at night, even to go to the lavatory. Potties were left in the rooms, even for teenagers.

Jailing the couple, from Walton, Liverpool, Judge Elizabeth Steel said the offences had been systematic and created an "atmosphere of fear". The children were "among the most vulnerable members of society — they were in care because of troubled family backgrounds, needing stability, care, understanding and a happy loving atmosphere".

Judge Steel, who recommended the two investigating detectives for a formal commendation, said that the children had instead suffered nightmares, guilt, anger, distress and mental health problems.

After the hearing one victim, Paul Taylor, 41, from Oldham, said he was delighted with the sentences: "It's more than I expected but it's no more than they deserve."

Wife killed husband in argument over lettuce

By Richard Duce

A MOTHER stabbed her husband through the heart after he complained about the quality of the lettuce in a salad for their evening meal. They had been married for 29 years.

Brenda Richardson, 54, a Sunday school teacher, was jailed for two years for manslaughter yesterday, after Manchester Crown Court was told that she had no recollection of events that led to the fatal dispute other than her husband, Brian, 56, criticising the lettuce leaves.

Howard Bentham, QC, for the prosecution, said there were no known problems in the marriage. The couple from Nelson, Lancashire, had two grown-up sons. In telephone calls to friends an hour before the killing, Richardson had been "jovial and light-hearted".

She had called the emergency services and tried to stem the bleeding with a rug. Her plea of not guilty to murder was accepted.

Richard Henriques, QC, for the defence, said: "There must have been a great deal of cumulative tension in the relationship. There was a major disagreement, out of the blue, over the food that night, but all she is sure of is that she did not take up the knife intending to use it. She misses him dreadfully."

Intruder claims he had free Palace tour

By Alan Hamilton

POLICE were last night questioning a man who claimed to have breached security at Buckingham Palace and made an unauthorised tour of the private gardens.

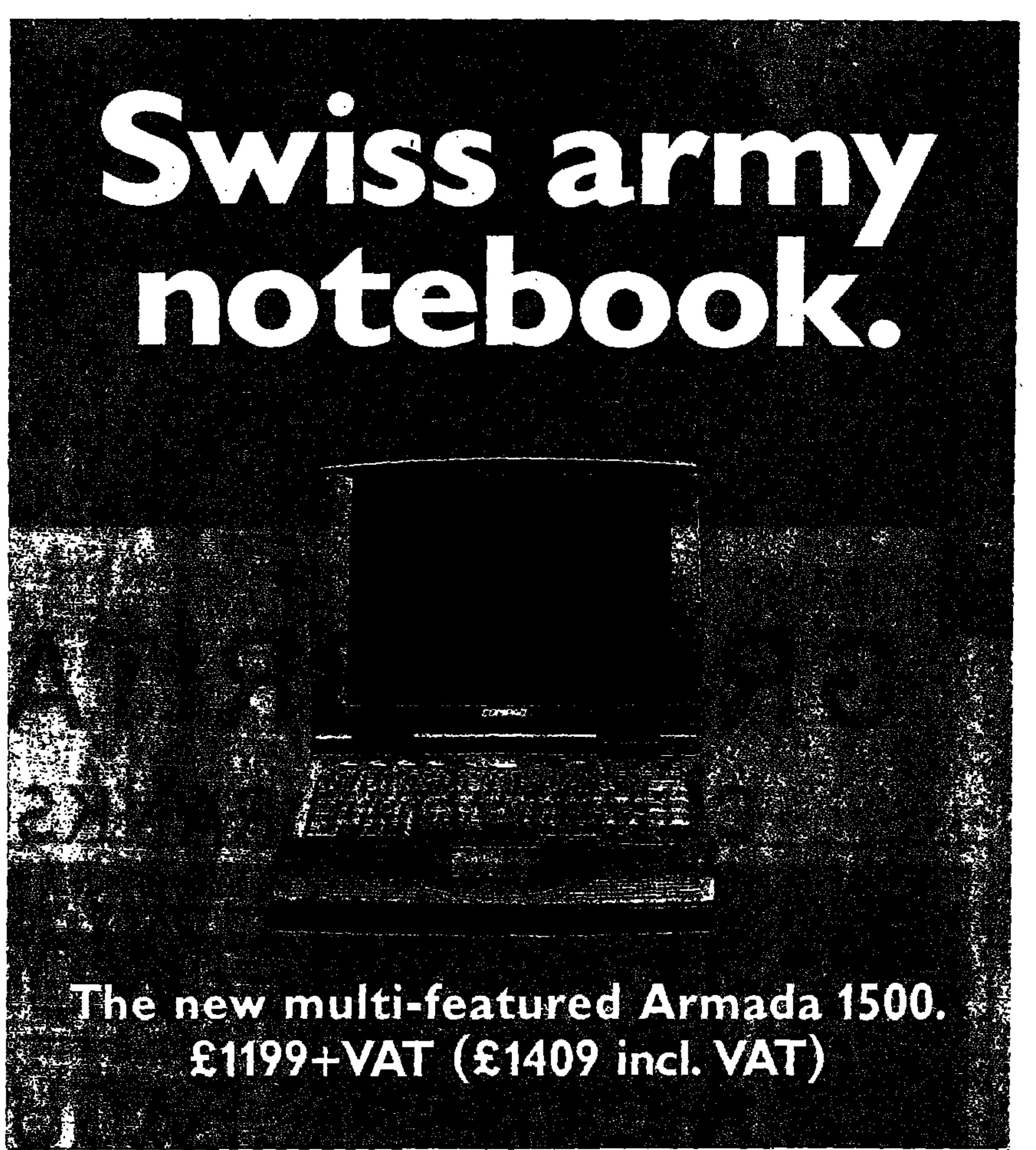
Neither palace officials nor police were certain whether to believe the man's claims that he had spent several hours roaming the heavily guarded grounds of the Queen's official London residence. He was arrested early yesterday morning after reportedly hailing a taxi to Camden Lock in north London and telling the driver what he had done. The driver contacted the police.

With the general election three days away and a spate of IRA bomb threats on their mind, police took the matter seriously, especially as the man was allegedly allowed in to the Palace on legitimate business and shown out by police officers at the the main gate who bade him a polite "Good morning". Neither the Queen nor the Duke of Edinburgh was in residence.

If the man's claims are true, he joins a long line of palace intruders, led by Michael Fagan, who found his way into the Queen's bedroom in 1982, spoke to her while she frantically and fruitlessly tried to summon help, and provoked a major review of Palace security.

Since then Palace-busting, often by the deranged or obsessed, has grown in popularity. In 1993 a group of lesbian anti-nuclear demonstrators scaled the walls and barbed wire with ladders, and sat on the palace lawn singing and chanting before armed police rounded them up. The following year, a naked American paraglider braved chilly February weather to land on the roof. In 1995 a Wakefield man was given two years' probation after driving 200 miles from his Yorkshire home to ram the Palace gates, causing significant damage.

But one intruder remains undetected. Early last year an urban fox slunk past police, guardsmen and security cameras to enter the gardens, where it killed the Queen's nine flamingoes. The beast has never been apprehended.



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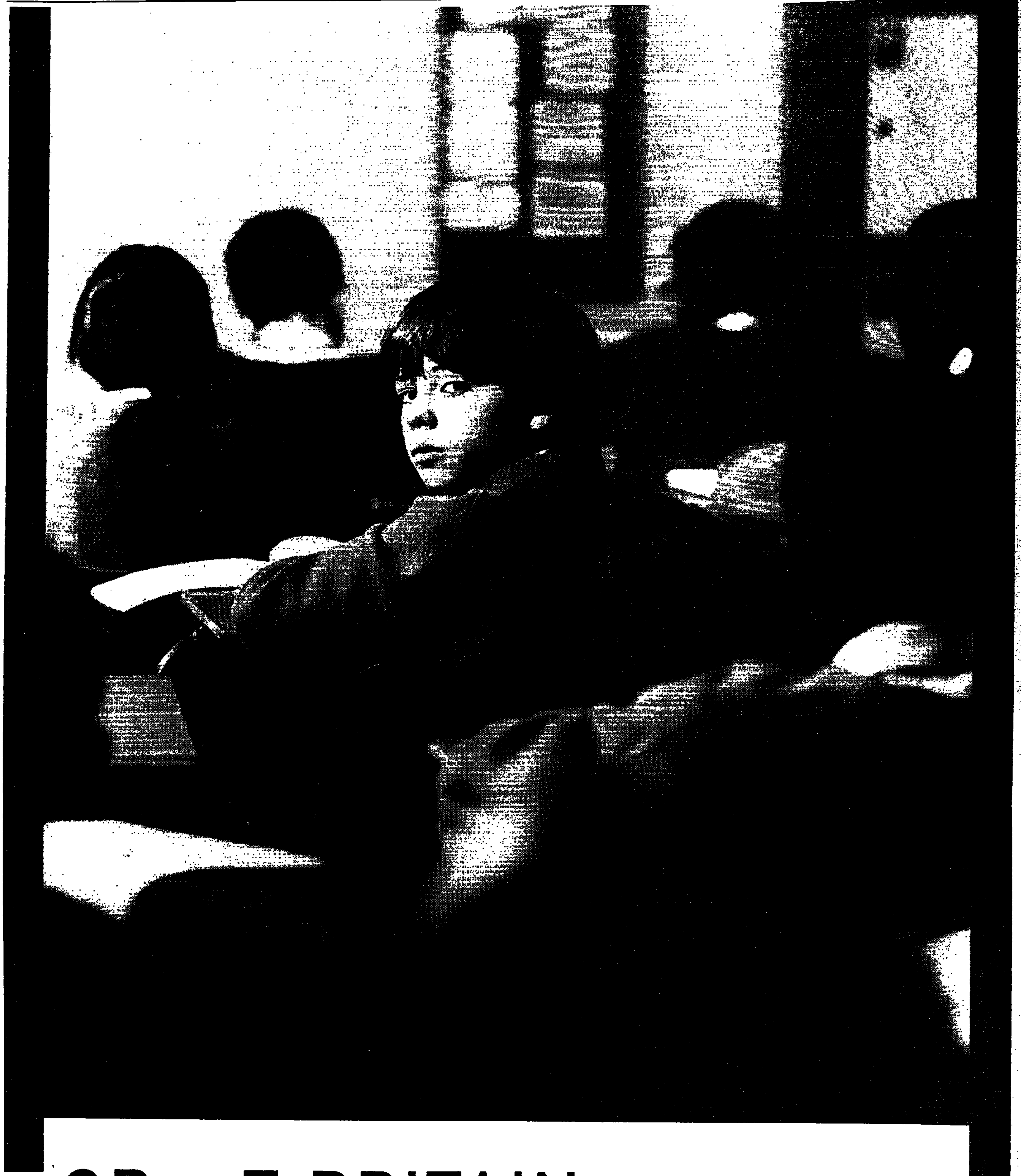

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Confusion over tuning hits Channel 5 figures

By Alexandra Frean, Media Correspondent

CHANNEL 5 is reaching less than half the country, despite promises at its launch four weeks ago that at least 60 per cent of the population would be able to watch it.

The new station's own research shows that only half the people who should be able to receive Channel 5 have tuned their television sets to its frequencies. Where people have tuned in, many are still faced with pictures and sound of such poor quality that they would rather not watch at all.

David Elstein, chief executive of Channel 5, conceded that the station's average share of weekly viewing, at 2.8 per cent, was lower than the 3 per cent it had expected by now. It is aiming to reach 5 per cent by the end of the year. "We have conducted extensive surveys and, on the evidence we have got so far, about 50 per cent of the population seems to have tuned into us — it's 5 per cent lower than we thought we would be."

He added that many viewers appeared to have confused tuning in with retuning. Before the station was launched, video and satellite equipment had to be retuned in about ten million homes that might have suffered signal interference. Retuners routinely tuned people's television sets to receive Channel 5.

Many people who had not received a retuning visit, because interference was not a problem in their area, may not realised that they still needed to tune their sets to Channel 5 if they want to watch it.

Mr Elstein said: "It is 15 years since the last terrestrial channel was launched in the United Kingdom and many people buy preset televisions, so it is not surprising that they don't know how to tune in their sets."

Channel 5 will be launching a big marketing campaign to inform people of the need to tune their sets. Advertisements for big programmes, such as its exclusive live coverage of England's football match against Poland on May 31, will carry a reminder that people will need to tune in.

It is still unknown exactly how many homes will suffer poor reception. The Confederation of Aerial Industries has estimated that up to three million homes may need new aerials, costing from £40 to £150 each, in order to receive Channel 5 clearly. Mr Elstein denied reports that the station was considering subsidising the costs of new booster aerials.

He added that at least 2.3 million people would benefit from clearer pictures when Channel 5 switched on nine new transmitters across the country in July.

Bill Barker, broadcast director of the media agency J. Walter Thompson, said that advertisers were disappointed with the station's performance and were anxious about poor reception putting people off watching. "The one good thing to come from all this is that it is pushing Channel 5 to invest more in programming, such as films and sports, than it had originally planned in order to persuade people it is worthwhile tuning in."

Mr Barker added that, at present, Channel 5's top performing programmes were films, which were getting audiences of one million to 2.8 million. "The big challenge for Channel 5 will be for them to increase their audiences for things such as the soap and the news," he said.

FILMS LEAD THE RATINGS

The Broadcast Audience Research Board says that eight out of Channel 5's top ten performing programmes for the week ending on April 13 were feature films. Only four films, *Highlander, Punchline, Trapped and Deceived* and *This Boy's Life*, attracted more than one million viewers. The most successful screening has been *Mrs Doubtfire*, with 2.85 million viewers, on Sunday, April 6. Advertisers are concerned about the relatively weak performance of the rest of the channel's programming, particularly its soap opera, *Family Affairs*, which has audiences hovering around the 500,000-600,000 mark.

Rare rhinos arrive for breeding programme

By Nick Nuttall
Environment Correspondent

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Worldwide there are fewer than 2,000 Asian rhinos, which are killed for their horns

TWO wild Asian rhinos from Nepal are due in Britain today for an international captive breeding programme at Whipsnade Wild Animal Park in Bedfordshire.

The two females, aged 14 to 16 months old, are from the Royal Chitwan National Park, where government wildlife staff, in collaboration with conservation groups including the World Wide Fund for Nature, have managed to boost the population of Asian, or one-horned, rhinos from 40 in 1975 to almost 500.

Simon Tonge, senior curator at London Zoo, said: "Basle Zoo has been very successful at breeding one-horned rhinos over the past 30 to 40 years, but there are now a lot of the 150 animals in captivity related to the so-called Basle line. We need some wild animals to improve the genetic variation."

The only other place in which the animals are found are the swampy grasslands of India, mainly in the Kaziranga National Park in Assam. Worldwide there are fewer than 2,000 Asian rhinos. The main threat is from poachers, keen to kill them for their horns, which are used as aphrodisiacs in the Far East. In the Yemen, the horns are carved for daggers.

Whipsnade, which, with London Zoo, is owned by the Zoological Society of London, has a female and a male one-horned rhino. Another, their son, is at Chester Zoo.

Richard Burge, director general of the Zoological Society, said: "These animals will remain the property of the Kingdom of Nepal and their loan is a magnificent statement of confidence and trust from the people of Nepal to the society. These precious and unique animals will enable the UK to contribute significantly to the conservation of a rare species and its fragile habitat."

City rustlers keep lambs on allotment

By Paul Wilkinson

POLICE have returned a two-week-old lamb found wandering the streets of Sunderland to the North Yorkshire farm 50 miles away from which it had been taken.

Lambs are being stolen by urban rustlers from their unfenced pastures and reared in the unlikely setting of council allotments. After six months they are slaughtered, either for the rustler's freezer or for sale from a car boot.

With prime lambs fetching up to £80 each, rustling can be lucrative. Two years ago farmers in upland North Yorkshire lost 3,000 lambs in one season. They have lost 23 in the past month. Owners have now set up Operation Sheepwatch. Brian Cook, one of its organisers, said: "Urban rustlers are a problem and I would urge anyone in a town who suddenly notices a lamb in the yard or allotment next door to contact us or the police. If the lamb has been bought genuinely as a pet at an auction mart, the owner will have a receipt.

"We take it in turns driving around the area, looking out for anything suspicious, and we have contact numbers if there are any reports of prowlers." The lambs have numbers and ear tags identifying the farm they come from.

Alan Bainbridge, of Middleham, from whose farm the lamb found in Sunderland was stolen, said: "The people who take these lambs are idiots. They will waste away without a mother and proper feed. It's hard enough to rear them on a farm, let alone in someone's back yard."

Tony Lidgate, spokesman for North Yorkshire Police, said: "Operation Sheepwatch has proved very successful, although rustling is still a problem, with £100,000 worth of sheep being stolen in the county each year. Large-scale rustlers will turn up with a truck and two dogs, but the mere presence of farmers and police patrolling the moors is often enough to put them off."

Alan Bainbridge with his returned lamb

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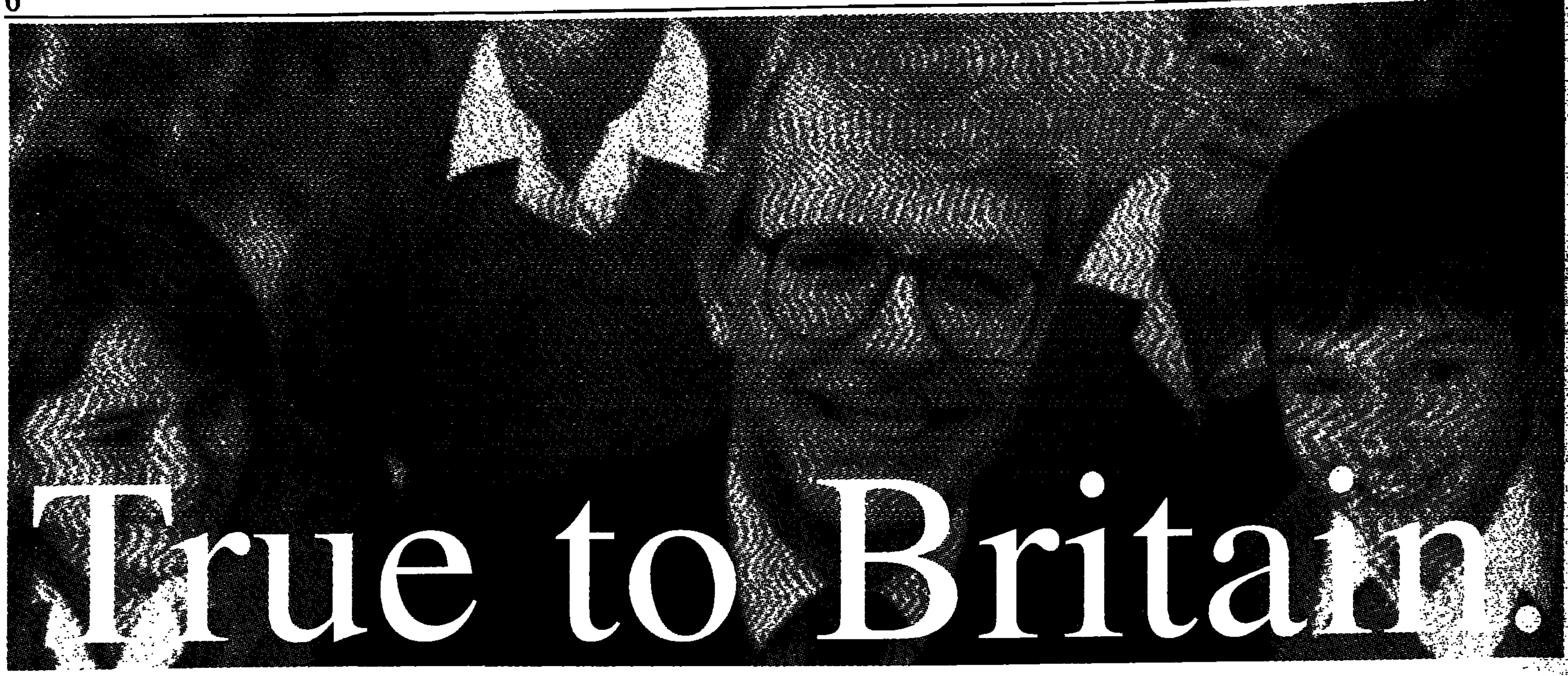
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Son must sell home to pay for mother's care, judge rules

BY IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

A MAN who gave up his job to look after his ailing mother must sell his home to pay for her care, the High Court ruled yesterday. The landmark ruling means that people who move back to the family home to look after someone who is ill risk losing the roof over their heads if the sick relative has to move into residential care.

The ruling does not affect the rights of a husband or wife to keep their home if their spouse has to go into care. However, anyone else, including children, who live in a house caring for sick relatives are covered by the ruling. Help the Aged received 3,000 inquiries last year from carers in this predicament.

The test case involved David Harcombe, 52, who emigrated to Australia in 1976 to become a social worker. In 1991 he returned to Britain to look after his mother, Faith, who had suffered from Parkinson's disease and had been forced to leave her four-bedroom house at Watchet in Somerset and go into care.

Because her son could look after her, she was able to move back to her house, but in 1993 she suffered a series of strokes which meant she needed full-time care again and moved to a residential home in Minehead. Her income was £500 a month short of the fees, and Somerset County Council decided that her home must be sold to meet the difference.

The council refused to exercise the discretion it has to allow Mrs Harcombe's son to keep the home, partly because he returned to Australia in March 1994 to resume his career. However, he soon gave this up and returned to Somerset. He is now unemployed. The council agreed that as long as he lived in the house it would not force him to sell, although it continued to claim £500 a month for the care.

His mother died ten days ago, aged 85, with the outstanding bill at £25,000. Interest will now start to accrue on it. Mrs Harcombe's estate is to be divided between her son and his sister, Ann, but the longer the bill is unpaid the less money will be left for them.

Mr Justice Forbes said there was nothing unreasonable in the council's approach. "I have decided that the value of the house should not be disregarded because it would not be reasonable to do so in all the circumstances."

It was central to the case that Mr Harcombe returned to Australia in an attempt to re-establish his career. This meant that his current occupation of the house was not attributable to any need for him to care for his mother. "Rather it is attributable to his own decision to give up his job and accommodation in Australia," the judge said.

He agreed that the council was right in deciding not to enforce the charge over Mrs Harcombe's home and sell it while her son still lived there. That was in recognition of his emotional attachment to the property and the support he had given to his mother in her final years. But the concession would give no rights to anyone else who lived there.

The judge adjourned the question of who should pay the action's heavy legal costs.

Wilde to hold forth with weary passers-by

BY DALYA ALBERGE
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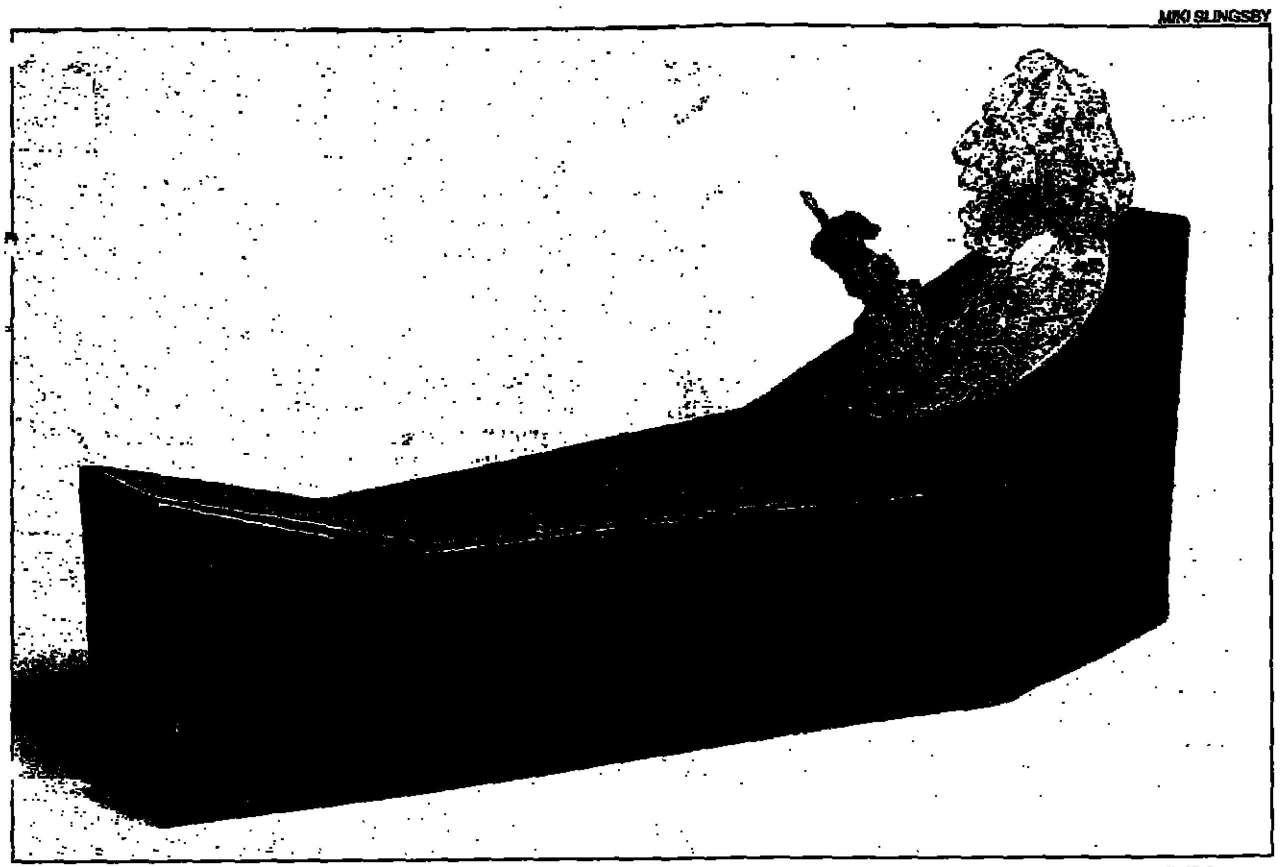

The granite and bronze monument by Maggi Hambling allows people to sit on one end and address Wilde

A MONUMENT to Oscar Wilde, showing his head and a cigarette-clad hand rising from a granite sarcophagus, has been commissioned from one of Britain's leading artists, Maggi Hambling, to mark next month's centenary of his release from Reading Gaol.

The idea was proposed by the film director Derek Jarman shortly before his death in 1994. A committee, including the actress Dame Maggie Smith, the director Sir Richard Eyre and the poet Seamus Heaney, was subsequently set up to raise the estimated £175,000 needed for the project.

Ms Hambling, seeking to reflect Wilde's wit and sense of the ridiculous, produced an image of him talking, laughing and smoking at one end of the sarcophagus, allowing the passer-by to sit at the other end and hold a conversation with him.

"There are three elements," she said. "The sarcophagus, Wilde and whoever sits down on it." Maquettes, drawings and paintings for the work will be exhibited at the National Portrait Gallery next month, before the monument is erected in Adelaide Street, near Trafalgfar Square.

Wilde's grandson, Merlin Holland, said: "Oscar seems to be in full conversational flow. It's quite intimate. You feel almost as if he's talking to you. It's got wit and is entirely in keeping with his character."

He said that Wilde — whose trial and conviction in 1895 for homosexual offences scandalised Victorian society — would have been amused by the whiff of controversy about it. "Westminster council has given its permission but eyebrows were raised about the slightly unusual look. When it's explained to people, they smile. It's going to cause a few comments. Oscar once said that there was only one thing worse than being talked about — not being talked about."

The concept, Ms Hambling explained, was inspired by a line from *Lady Windermere's Fan*: "We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars." It will be among several Wilde quotes to appear on the piece.

Vicar's wives are taking the cloth

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A TENTH of the Church of England's clergy are women, and in some dioceses the proportion is as high as one in five, according to a survey published yesterday. More than 300 are married to clergymen.

The survey by the National Association of Diocesan Advisers in Women's Ministry covers the two years after the ordination of the first women priests in England in March 1994, and shows how quickly the change has spread in many areas, although pockets of traditionalist resistance remain.

By the end of July 1996, there were 1,957 women in licensed ministry in the 43 dioceses. Most are middle-aged, with relatively few below 40 or over 60 years old.

More than 200 are in "sector" ministries, working as chaplains at hospitals, prisons, universities, colleges and in industry. Six out of ten are married, 306 to clergymen.

The diocese with the largest number of women priests is Oxford, with 101, followed closely by Southwark, with 91, and St Albans, with 80. At the opposite end of the scale are Sodor and Man, which has one; Blackburn and Bradford, with 14 each, and Truro with 15.

The survey destroys the myth that most ordained women are working in part-time or unpaid posts. Fewer than one third of those in active ministry were non-stipendiary, while about half of the total had full-time, stipendiary jobs, with 382 women enjoying the protection of the "parson's freehold" in incumbencies, or working as team vicars or priest-in-charge.

Canon Christine Farrington, chair of the national association and a priest in Cambridge, said: "We believe the figures from some dioceses are very heartening."

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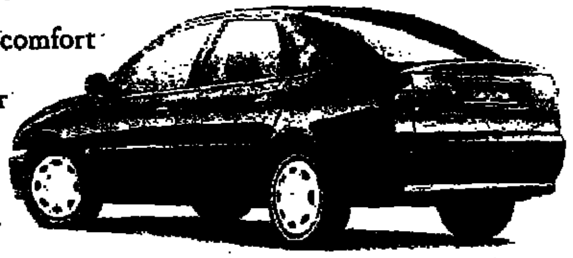

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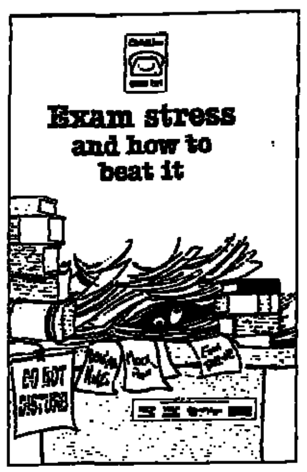
Stress levels soar as record numbers sit school exams



The booklet published by ChildLine yesterday

By John O'Leary
Education Editor

MOUNTING examination pressure on children from the age of seven onwards means demand for revision guides is soaring, publishers said yesterday, as an unprecedented number of pupils prepared for national tests. Next week 600,000 pupils sit the national curriculum tests for 14-year-olds. Tests for 11-year-olds are the following week, while seven-year-olds are assessed individually throughout the summer term.

With most GCSE and A-level examinations scheduled for June, more than 2.5 million pupils will be tested over the next two months. A rising school population and increased entries make the total the highest ever.

The boom for publishers is accompanied by stress for candidates. ChildLine, the children's charity, issued a booklet yesterday to help anxious youngsters to cope.

A survey carried out by ChildLine last year showed that a sample of 1,000 secondary school pupils worried more about doing well at school than anything else in their lives. Children as young as 12 were worried about university entrance.

Almost one student in five now buys a GCSE revision guide in some subjects, pushing total sales close to 100,000 in subjects such as mathematics. Letts Educational, which this year produced its first guides for seven-year-olds, now publishes more than 100 revision guides.

The development of educational CD-Roms has seen new companies challenge the traditional leaders.

One of the companies trying to break into the market, Aircom International, based in Reigate, Surrey, said that the growth in computer use at home and school was a magnet for information technologists. The company is launching a range of GCSE guides next month.

Dave High, its director of business development and marketing, said: "This was an obvious area of diversification for us because we have the software engineers capable of coming up with a product attractive to young people. We think there is tremendous potential in the education market."

Demand for advice on coping with stress is also rising. The Associated Examining Board has seen orders for its free booklet, *How to Do Better in Exams*, reach 700,000 a year and is prepared for another increase this summer.

John Hall, ChildLine's counselling support manager, said: "Adults often underestimate the stress that young people are under at exam time, and children sometimes find it hard to ask for help." He said that for some children the pressure to succeed became unbearable.

Revision guides, in book form, cost between £3 for the youngest age-groups and £11 for some A levels, while most CD-Roms range between £20 and £40. Many schools and local authorities have put on free revision classes for GCSE students, but private tutors can cost up to £20 an hour.

The ChildLine leaflet is available by telephoning 0171-239 1098, or by writing to *ChildLine, Royal Mail Building, Studd Street, London N1 0QW*. The AEB booklet is available from Barclays Bank on 0800 400100.

Coping with questions of pressure

MEDICAL BRIEFING

WHEN my father was in his late seventies, his sleep was ravaged by nightmares. Asked if he was being disturbed by memories of three years in the trenches in the First World War, he replied: "No, my dreams are of examinations." In old age, the fear engendered by Cambridge examiners was still greater than that induced by German gunners.

Young children, even babies, have the potential to suffer psychological symptoms comparable to that of their elders. Examinations involve a judgment delivered publicly by others of someone's performance. The fear of being judged is anathema to the sensitive and anxious or those with a fragile self-esteem, and the potentially depressed or schizophrenic. Parents and tutors should watch out for symptoms which suggest possible psychiatric storms ahead and make every effort to ease the ordeal for the child or undergraduate. If serious symptoms persist, the help of a child psychiatrist should be sought.

The symptoms of pre-examination depression in the younger child are not always obvious. Depressed and anxious younger children may be unusually withdrawn or apathetic. Equally often, anxiety is shown by complaints of sleeplessness or unexplained aches and pains such as headaches, abdominal pains, nausea or joint troubles. Depression may be hidden under a veneer of attention-seeking or bullying.

Parents have to achieve a difficult compromise throughout the years of education, taking enough interest so that their children do not feel their scholastic efforts are unimportant, but refraining from giving them so much emphasis that the children feel rejected and unloved if they fail to live up to family expectations.

During examination times, normal routines must be preserved. Regular sleep and meals and not too much coffee are essential. Sleep deprivation triggers psychological symptoms in the most phlegmatic and in the oversensitive can be disastrous.

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

MIKE GUNNILL

Deborah Banks: Tesco gave her no maternity pay

Maternity pay case could cost millions

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

A FORMER supermarket check-out worker began an industrial tribunal claim for maternity pay yesterday, which, if successful, could cost employers millions of pounds in extra payments for two million women who do not earn enough to pay National Insurance contributions.

Deborah Banks is bringing the £700 claim against Tesco and the Secretary of State for Social Security after she was denied maternity pay because she did not earn enough.

She worked at the Tesco store in Gillingham, Kent. However, despite having worked since 1988, she had not earned enough over an eight-week period to qualify for payment of National Insurance contributions and statutory maternity pay.

The industrial tribunal in Ashford was told that Mrs Banks, who is being backed by the charity Maternity Alliance, worked part-time and earned £55.93 per week — on average £1 less than the level set for National Insurance contributions. As a result, she received no maternity pay.

Tess Gill, for Mrs Banks, said the claim under the Equal Pay Act would, if not successful, be challenged through the appeal courts and at the European Court of Justice. The tribunal panel adjourned to discuss whether to accept jurisdiction for the case or refer it straight to the European Court.

Back pain caused by discontent with work conditions

By Ian Murray
Medical Correspondent

UNHAPPY workers are particularly prone to back pain, scientists have discovered. A survey of 4,500 adults has shown that the more dissatisfied people are with their jobs the more likely they are to suffer aches at the base of the spine. The problem affects 40 per cent of adults a year.

The researchers from the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council unit at Manchester University found that depression was responsible for more back pain than lifting heavy objects. The researchers discovered that a feeling of not being in control, and general dissatisfaction, was responsible for one in four of all new cases of lower back pain. One in six who developed an ache round the lower spine had shown signs of depression and psychological distress. Social class was not a factor.

Alan Silman, director of the Manchester unit, said the results showed employers needed to improve the working environment and grant workers more autonomy in the way they did their jobs.

☐ The National Back Pain Association has launched a nationwide survey to find out how much the average schoolchild packs in a satchel. The association says it believes many people suffer from back pain in later life because of the wear and tear on their spine at school. It estimates that a 12 year old, weighing about 6st probably carries about a third of their body weight around with them in their school bag.

With schools increasingly requiring children to move from classroom to classroom rather than having teachers coming to them, they have to carry the bag around all day.

The problem is exacerbated by lack of locker space, poorly designed desks, an increase in sedentary lessons such as computing and a decrease in physical education. Although regulations exist to prevent adults from lifting too much, the association says that there are no load-bearing weight restrictions for children.

☐ Trade unionists laid a wreath outside the Health and Safety Executive's London headquarters yesterday in honour of employees who have been killed by poor conditions at work. The event was one of many organised around the country to commemorate Workers' Memorial Day.

Since 1979, 680 members of the GMB union have been killed at work or died as a result of illness caused at work. Almost half of the deaths were because of exposure to asbestos.

One third of learners fail driving theory test

By Kevin Eason
Motoring Editor

THOUSANDS of learner drivers are taking advantage of a fall in the number of people taking driving tests by retaking the tests on the same day to ensure they get their licence.

Since January 1, pupils must pass the extra hurdle of a written examination before they can take the on-road test. The pass rate for the theory test is 65 per cent, and many are not even booking lessons until they have passed.

The fall in the number of people booking an on-road test has led to empty driving centres with unfilled slots for on-road examinations, while driving schools are struggling to find business. More than 300 examiners employed on contract by the Driving Standards Agency are working as little as a day a month. BSM, Britain's biggest driving school, said last night that it was closing 18 branches.

Martin Arnold, for BSM, said: "Applications for road tests have fallen by 54 per cent so there are bound to be gaps for learners to jump into. We are hearing a lot of stories of learners who fail their test, get straight back onto the telephone and make a booking for later in the day and go back — sometimes with the same examiner — to try again."

One man, who had told a new employer he could drive when he had no licence, took his test five times in three days until he passed, according to BSM's King's Heath branch in Birmingham.

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Nervous Labour dares to relax

Blair's team has learned to laugh off mishaps which used to throw it into a rage, writes

Ben Macintyre

IN Nottingham, the backdrop of Labour campaign posters behind Tony Blair slowly disintegrated in mid-press-conference as the cameras rolled; in Loughborough the Labour leader was hit by a well-aimed apple core, the first flying fruit of the election; in Leicester Town Hall square he was loudly and persistently heckled by a man sitting high in a tree and demanding that he "tax the rich".

Three weeks ago, this succession of embarrassments would have sent the Blair spin-doctors into a splenetic rage. But the Labour campaign is no longer the brittle and nervous thing it was, for a perceptible whiff of imminent victory is already emanating from the Blair camp, despite strenuous efforts to suppress it.

The visible hardening of the jaw to which Mr Blair is prone in times of stress has gone; instead he wears the unmistakable, slightly guilty demeanour of a boy who knows what he is getting for Christmas but doesn't *want* to spoil the *surprise* by letting it be known that he knows.

He is indiscriminately benevolent. With a smile, he thanked whoever had inexpertly tacked up the campaign posters in Nottingham's Central TV studios; there was another vote of thanks and a grin for whoever tossed the remains of his apple on the playing fields of Loughborough University, catching Mr Blair on the arm. He was even grateful for the vociferous interruptions from the Leicester tree-dweller wearing the strange Inca hat.

"Thanks *very* much," said Mr Blair, like Bruce Forsyth camping it up for the studio audience.

Instead of trading wordless recriminations, as before, the Labour aides now exchange winks and nudges. Cherie Blair performs a peculiar, bobbing, adoring dance as her husband delivers his speeches.

But if the body-language of the Blair campaign betokens the euphoria of approaching victory, the spoken language is contrasting and consistently, if not quite credibly, downbeat.

In Nottingham Mr Blair announced that he was taking nothing for granted; in Loughborough he was apparently taking even less for granted; by the time he reached Leicester, here was man who would not like to predict whether the sun will rise tomorrow, let alone the outcome of the election.

In a little over three hours, he refused to count his chickens (those mascots of this election) a total of eight times, roundly declared that Britain "is not a landslide country" four times, and eschewed "complacency" with metronomic regularity.

Every time he proclaimed his incertitude, however, the Labour leader appeared a little more certain.

CHRIS HARRIS

A more composed Tony Blair arriving at Loughborough University yesterday

Posing with the Loughborough University rugby XV, alongside the splendidly villainous and sweaty figure of former England hooker Brian Moore Mr Blair's determination to avoid premature jubilation and hubris was stretched to the limit. On cue, one of the players turned his back to the cameras and there, suddenly, Mr Blair was standing next to Number Ten. "We don't want to be triumphalist," he said, triumphantly.

The contrast with the tension and uncertainty of the campaign's opening days could hardly be more acute. Mr Blair has relaxed, and the mood has been caught by his team, even though many of them are far less certain what their job will be next week than he is.

"Tony Blair hit by Granny Smith" was a headline that would once have sent the aides into turmoil, but yesterday they barely flinched as the chewed missile whizzed unexpectedly out of the crowd of Loughborough students. Similarly in Leicester, when supporters of the Socialist Labour Party set up chants of "New Labour, New Tory" and "Tory Blair", the Labour leader merely shrugged indulgently and shot back: "Every time you voice support for Arthur Scargill's party you do a disservice to everything the Labour Party stands for." The crowd cheered. Mr Blair smiled, but not too much. Mrs Blair bobbed.

The Blair campaign is developing a glamorous edge that would have been unthinkable in its earlier stages. Take the formation of helicopters laid on to ferry the Labour team and accompanying press around the country, a "presidential" technique of a sort that Mr Blair has hitherto studiously avoided. Even the spin-nurses could be heard humming "The Ride of the Valkyries" the theme from *Apocalypse Now*.

The new celebrity atmosphere seems to be contagious. A man in Leicester caught sight of Mrs Blair working the crowd. He rushed up, stared at her as if apprising a pin-up girl in the flesh. "Very attractive," he declared, and dashed off again.

BLAIR CHILDREN WOULD BE FIRST TO LIVE AT No 10 SINCE 1951

By Valerie Elliott
Whitehall Editor

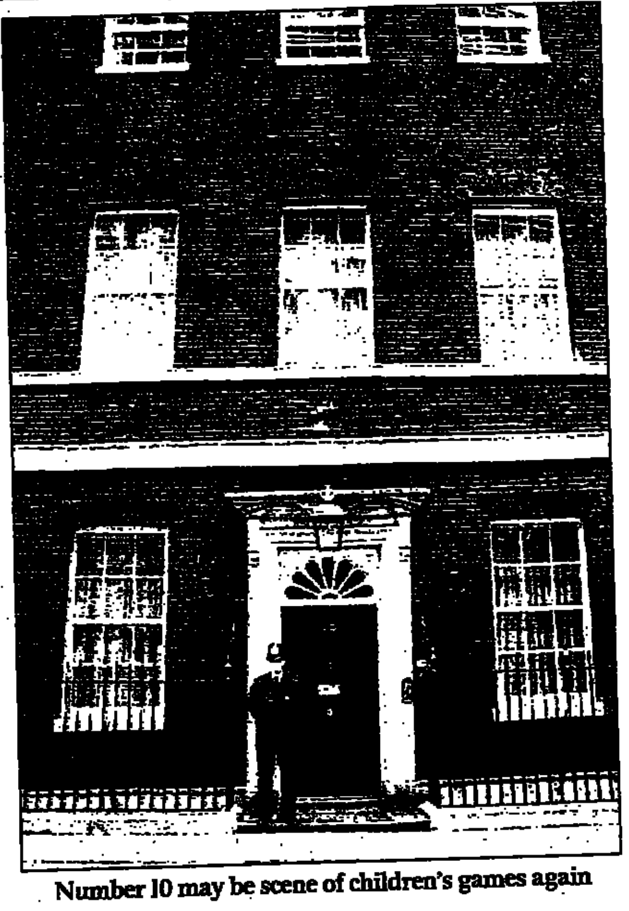
TONY BLAIR and his family will move into 10 Downing Street if he becomes Prime Minister, it was confirmed yesterday, although building work may have to be carried out to extend the private flat to make it big enough for the family.

The disclosure by Whitehall sources that Mr and Mrs Blair would move their three children into the small flat from their home in Islington, north London, came on a day when Mr Blair had been preaching to his party about the risks of complacency. His office reacted furiously, describing the disclosure as "inaccurate, unhelpful and inappropriate".

Any changes needed for the flat would be paid for by the public purse. At present, it includes four bedrooms, a sitting room, dining room, kitchen and two or three bathrooms. It could be several weeks before it is ready for the Blairs. This would be the first time children have lived at Number 10 since Attlee moved his family out of the flat in the former servants' quarters in 1951.

It is thought unlikely that Mr Blair would sanction any lavish refurbishment, but the flat could be extended by taking over some upstairs training rooms as well as bedrooms used by civil servants who sometimes have to stay overnight.

Any expenditure would have to be approved by Alex Allan, the Prime Minister's principal private secretary, who is the Downing Street accounting officer. It would have to be justifiable and the decision would be taken in the same way as any other decision in government.



Number 10 may be scene of children's games again

One view at Westminster yesterday was that the Blairs would prefer to delay a family move into Downing Street until Euan, 13, Nicholas, 11, and Kathryn, nine, are on their summer holidays from school.

The Downing Street flat, entered by a white door marked "private", is on a mezzanine floor six or seven steps up from the policy unit. The flat is in former servants' cramped quarters and there is no longer any permanent domestic staff to help the Prime Minister. Occasionally staff from Chequers help the Majors mid-week.

A security source said last night that "anything was possible for the Blairs — how they wish to live as a family — if they co-operate with us. As long as we know who is coming and going, then it would be fine."

Mr Blair, and his wife Cherie have never set foot in the Prime Minister's private accommodation — their only visit to Number 10 was to a state banquet — and it would not be known whether it would suit their family's needs until they are shown the layout on Friday when the elction results are known.

In theory, the Blairs could have the pick of any of the government houses in London. There are three flats in the Admiralty, a residence in Carlton Gardens used by the Foreign Secretary, and a Belgravia home which has been used recently by home secretaries.

The last children to play regularly in the Donwing Street garden were Tom and Emily Lawson when their father was Chancellor.Margaret Thatcher was sympathetic to the needs of the Lawsons' young family who lived at No 11. She used to allow them a paddlign pool and climbing frame in the garden and the children were banned from using the No 10garden only on Thursday morning when the Cabinet met.

Harold Macmillan's grandson, the Earl of Stockton, recalled many occasions when he was allowed to play in Downing Street when his grandfather was Prime Minister. At a party, he recalled, he and his cousins ended up dancing the conga in the basement and because all the corridors inter-connected, they ended in the Ministry of Defence building on the other side of Whitehall.

Win or lose, the red rose party will go on at least until dawn

LABOUR is planning a huge election night party for its staff, regardless of the result of Thursday's poll (James Landale writes).

Invitations to the late-night jamboree will go out today to hundreds of party officials at Labour's London headquarters and others around the country.

Amid Tory accusations of Labour complacency, party officials yesterday said the event was simply a way of thanking staff for their hard work during the campaign.

After the polls have closed at 10pm on Thursday, hundreds of Labour officials and party workers at Millbank Tower will head over the Thames to the Royal Festival Hall on the South Bank. There, probably in People's Palace restaurant, they will drink, listen to music and watch the results coming in on huge television screens until 5am.

Labour aides said many other party supporters and "B-list" celebrities were also expected to join in the fun. Peter Cunnah, lead singer of D:Ream, whose song *Things Can Only Get Better* has become Labour's anthem for the election, is expected to attend, along with artists such as the Jazz a Belles and the comedy group, Newsrevue. After flying down from Sedgefield, Tony Blair is expected to address the gathering at about 4.30am on Friday.

"This event will take place win or lose," a senior Labour spokesman said. "It is an event with the sole purpose of thanking all those who have worked, both full time or as volunteers, in Labour's central campaign."

Labour is keenly aware of the damaging impact its "victory" party had when they lost the last election in 1992. Officials were seen crying amid unopened bottles of champagne.

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Norma makes banner headlines in Edinburgh

JOHN MAJOR took up arms yesterday to fight against collapse. However, the threat of disintegration which he invoked in a manic day of aeroplane hopping, did not apply to his own fortunes but the unity of the kingdom.

In a ten-hour odyssey, he visited Belfast, Edinburgh, North Wales and returned to London, to trumpet the evils of disunion in its various forms, from Sinn Fein and the IRA to Labour's devolution plans. Putting the question at its simplest in Scotland, he asked: "Do you want the United Kingdom broken up into bite-size pieces?"

If he was four days from losing the election, he was determined not to show it as he displayed punchy form in a day of symbol-laden "picture bites". From the centre of Belfast to a windswept Welsh hillside, he wielded the future indicative, outlining actions planned for his next term in office.

With his back to the electoral wall and the vultures circling within his own party, Mr Major seems determined to go down fighting. "He's not in denial," said one aide. "He really believes he's going to win."

It was impossible, however, to disguise the end-of-term feel, especially aboard "kilo alpha", the British Midland Boeing 737 which was on its last outing as his flying campaign battle bus. Festive rather than funereal, the crew had decked the cabin with balloons, draping blue crepe over Mr Major's seats in the first row.

Mr Major spent much of the day plotting his final offensive with Dr Brian Mawhinney and other strategists. The party chairman, also known as the Belfast Strangler, was the hand behind the Prime Minister's most delicate stop, a one-hour visit to Belfast.

He spent only 30 minutes in the city but it was one in the eye for the IRA and their campaign to disrupt the campaign. Before departing, we were offered a touch of the incongruous when Gilbert Chalk, a London merchant banker and local Tory candidate, called for a jolly "Three cheers for the Prime Minister."

The public school tones of Mr Chalk's "hip hip hoorays" were echoed in the similarly un-Scottish vowels of Lord James Douglas Hamilton and many Tory loyalists in Edinburgh. Standing by the National Gallery under the shadow of the castle, Mr Major told the Scots to think what was at stake before they voted: "This is maybe a vote that will change the history and future of Scotland and the rest of the UK." Enjoying himself, he even managed to carve up a few hecklers.

Another flight later, in Wales, the plane-load of media and other retainers were driven off through sheep-strewn countryside for the privilege of watching Mr Major and Norma posing for pictures with Anglesey and the Menai bridge behind them. Mr Major's message from the Welsh stopover was a warning against the extra taxes which he said Wales would pay if Labour was elected and proceded with a local assembly.

Then it was back into the motorcade and the aeroplane for London, where he stood on the green at Westminster, offering another Union "photo-op" with parliament behind him. Mr Major will wind down the campaign closer to home.

Blame game exposes the twin Tory camps

Andrew Pierce and **Philip Webster** on how No 10 sidelined Central Office

THE divisions within the Conservative party were laid bare last night when friends of its chairman, Brian Mawhinney, accused Downing Street of setting him up as the scapegoat should the Tories lose the election.

Supporters of Dr Mawhinney, who is in charge of Central Office and election campaign staff, accused their Downing Street counterparts yesterday of briefing against him.

The root of the deepening discontent between the two camps stems from John Major's unilateral decision to put Europe at the centre of the campaign. Mr Major discussed his plans at Downing Street with key aides such as Lord Cranborne, his chief-of-staff and Howell James, his political secretary.

The Prime Minister's decision to rely on his Downing Street team of advisers in preference to Central Office exposed the most serious tensions. "Downing Street calls all the shorts. It is a rival power base," said a supporter of Dr Mawhinney.

The growing tensions mirror the 1987 election campaign when Lord Young sought alternative advertising campaign advice without the knowledge of Lord Tebbit, then party chairman. "John Major is the Lord Young figure this time round," said a friend of Dr Mawhinney.

One Senior Tory official added: "Everyone is very sensitive about the blame game. The chairman assumes it is the Majorites who are briefing against Central Office." Dr Mawhinney is particularly sensitive about criticism because of the affect it could have on his post-election future.

Brian Mawhinney, left, and Lord Saatchi, who fell out over the Conservative's advertising campaign

Central Office was brought into the discussions to put Europe at the centre of the campaign only an hour before the morning's press conference, on the economy, was due to begin. "We were bounced," said a source. Mr Major also decided in Downing Street to remake that night's election broadcast on Europe, defying Dr Mawhinney who tried to persuade him to revert to the original which focused on trusting Labour after positive reports on the lunchtime news.

The next morning's press conference was again dominated by Europe when Mr Major revealed that he would give Tory MPs a free vote on a single currency. It was unscripted. He had not told Dr Mawhinney. "At that point it was obvious Central Office had lost control of the campaign to Major's men at Downing Street."

The predominately Eurosceptic camp at Central Office thought the only votes to be gained by putting Europe at the centre was if Mr Major ruled out a single currency, which was never going to happen. "The issue became Mr Major versus Mr Blair at the Amsterdam inter-governmental conference. Most voters have never heard of the IGC. We just wasted days and days," said the source.

Dr Mawhinney, backed by Sir Tim Bell, another key adviser, David Willetts and Danny Finklestein, who run the research department, wanted to hit Mr Blair hard and concentrate on "trust and the wallet". They were again overruled.

For Dr Mawhinney and his friends the campaign never got back on line. "Unemployment figures, good inflation figures, the country's recovery was lost in the din of Europe. Labour was no longer on the defensive and making up policy on the hoof. It was always going to make it hard then to turn around the opinion polls."

It was also confirmed that there have been disagreements between the party's advertising chief, Lord Saatchi, and Central Office. Tensions between Dr Mawhinney and Lord Saatchi arose before the campaign began when Lord Saatchi objected to criticism, frequently clashed with Dr Mawhinney, and unfairly blamed Central Office for pulling some of his best advertisements, a Tory insider said.

Official Tory sources said talk of a serious rift was "overblown". "This is a grown-up campaign and occasionally you are going to get people disagreeing."

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Blair initiates musical chairs for Cabinet table

The race is on to name the 23 members of Tony Blair's first Cabinet. So far there are 18 empty places, writes **Arthur Leathley**

TONY BLAIR'S aides cast caution aside at the weekend by beginning, privately, to name members of his first Cabinet. The problem for political pundits desperate to know the make-up of the new government was that the aides left 18 gaps around the Cabinet table.

Four of Mr Blair's closest lieutenants can stand easy, confident of their leader's backing. **Gordon Brown**, the Shadow Chancellor, **Robin Cook**, Shadow Foreign Secretary, **Jack Straw**, Shadow Home Secretary, and **David Blunkett**, Shadow Education and Emloyment Secretary, can book themselves into their matching government posts alongside Mr Blair.

John Prescott, Labour's deputy leader, has been assured of a "key post" by Mr Blair and is expected to continue the title of Deputy Prime Minister revived by Michael Heseltine. A role as "Superminister", co-ordinating environmental and transport policy, together with a regional development strategy that he has already set in train, looks likely.

Donald Dewar, currently the party's Chief Whip, has been touted for several pivotal roles. However, his record as a highly skilled parliamentary negotiator is likely to secure the post of Leader of the Commons, where he would steer through flagship legislation in the face of demolition tactics by the Tory Opposition.

That would allow Mr Blair to appoint a woman as Chief Whip, with **Ann Taylor** moving from the Shadow Leader of the Commons to the crucial non-Cabinet role.

Lord Irvine of Lairg, Shadow Lord Chancellor and a close confidant of Mr Blair, looks certain to take over the matching Government post, retaining his strong advisory role. Another essential Cabinet position, that of Leader of the Lords, looks set to go to **Lord Richard**, although Mr Blair has faced pressure to put **Baroness Blackstone** in post.

Although **Harriet Harman**, as Shadow Social Security Secretary, and **Chris Smith**, Shadow Health Secretary, have suffered from negative campaigning at the hands of Gordon Brown's spin doctors, a desire for continuity may keep them in post. Although **Margaret Beckett**, a defeated Labour leadership candidate, looks set to have a prominent position in Cabinet, there are doubts over the composition of her Department of Trade and Industry. **Jack Cunningham**, the current Shadow National Heritage Secretary, is considered to have the charisma to become the high-profile "minister for fun".

Dewar: tipped to become Leader of the Commons

Mr Prescott's cross-departmental brief is likely to prompt the end of a specific Transport Secretary position, offering Mr Blair the opportunity to move **Andrew Smith** into a Defence Secretary role. Such a move leaves **David Clark**, the Shadow Defence secretary, looking doomed to a non-Cabinet position

The Environment Department also looks set to be stripped of much of its present power, leaving **Frank Dobson** without a role. He may prefer to let the junior Cabinet position on education go to a newcomer, such as **Stephen Byers**.

Question marks hang over the futures of **Tom Clarke**, the Shadow Disabled Rights Minister, and **Clare Short**, Shadow Overseas Development Minister, each of whose posts may be downgraded to non-Cabinet rank. The heads of the shadow Northern Ireland, Welsh and Scottish offices have prompted criticism within the party. However, the respective incumbents, **Marjorie Mowlem, Ron Davies and George Robertson**, may be spared the axe in the short term.

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Heseltine snaps over taunts that Major ducked TV

Jill Sherman watches the dutiful deputy fly into a rage

MICHAEL HESELTINE flew into a temper last night when members of a television studio audience accused John Major of being "chicken" for failing to appear on the programme and be cross-questioned by them.

The Prime Minister told London Weekend Television on Sunday morning that he would be unable to attend *ITV 500 — The People's Election* when each of the three party leaders was due to face 20 minutes of questions from a representative audience. It is the only peak-time television election programme where voters have a chance to challenge politicians directly.

Yesterday the Deputy Prime Minister, who took his place, worked himself up into a rage minutes after the programme got under way after a hostile audience taunted him over Mr Major's absence.

Sue Lawley introduced the programme by saying that it had been expected that the three leaders would be there, but John Major "let us know over the last few days that he would not be joining us".

The 500-strong audience booed softly during the introduction prompting an angry outburst from Mr Heseltine. "We cannot allow the fact that the Prime Minister has been in Northern Ireland and couldn't announce his programme because of security reasons to go by," he said.

But when one member of the audience shouted out "chicken" he lost his temper. "If you think that the Prime Minister going to Northern Ireland is 'chicken' you haven't the first idea what a brave and courageous man is all about," he snapped.

When Ms Lawley pointed out that he was visiting Northern Ireland yesterday morning, but that the programme was taking place in the afternoon, he added tersely: "he was also visiting other parts of the United Kingdom. That is the big issue of the day."

Lawley: pointed out that visit was in the morning

Mr Heseltine then attacked the political leanings of the audience after facing a barrage of questions on poverty, low wages and grammar schools and how the Tories had managed to "con the country for the past 18 years". He argued that because the audience had been selected by the polling organisation MORI to represent a cross section of the public they were inherently hostile to the Conservatives.

"Let us not have any illusions," he said. "This audience is carefully selected to represent the political parties. That means, on any normal statistics, about two-thirds of this audience want either a Liberal or Labour candidate to win. It is an audience that is bound to give an anti-Government slant, and I hope everybody at home will understand that."

Mr Heseltine did little to try to win round his audience, who had been selected two months ago. He sparked further jeers when he told a nurse complaining about pay rises handed out to "fat cats" that average earnings were rising ahead of inflation. "It's no use shouting, if you don't like the truth, the fact is that average earnings are rising faster than inflation," he retorted angrily. "That's why living standards are rising, the housing market is booming, retail sales are rising — because people are better off."

Pressed on the tax rises brought in by the Tories after the last election, Mr Heseltine said there had been 25 tax reductions and he was proud that the Government had decided to raise taxes to protect essential public services during the recession.

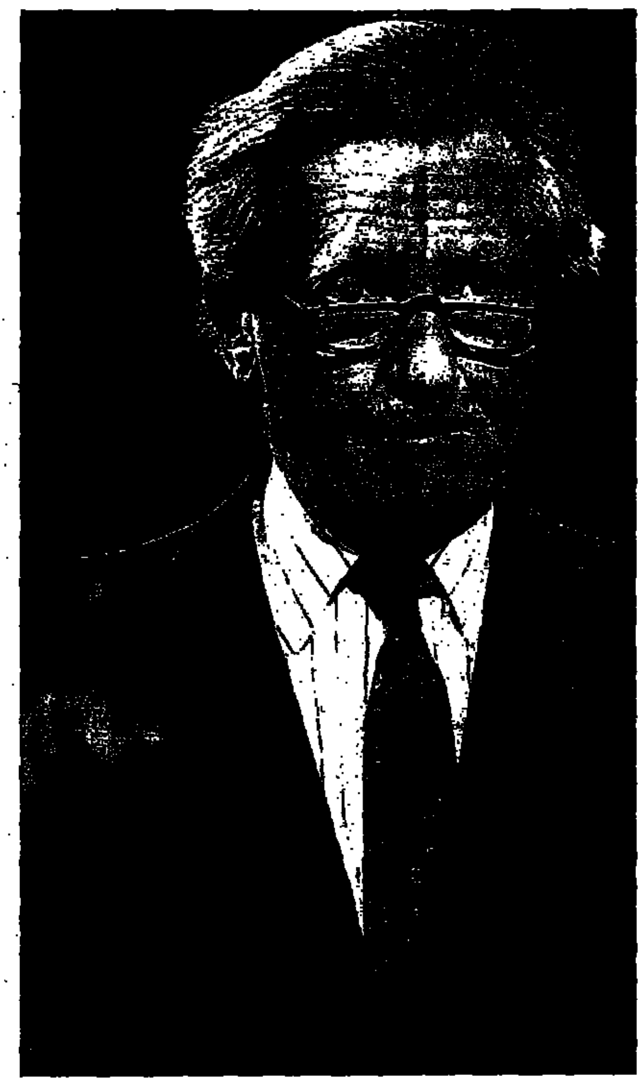
Ms Lawley suggested that the nation's trust had been eroded by the tax rises. But to shouts of rubbish Mr Heseltine argued: "If we had cut essential public services at that time under the pressure of the recession, we wouldn't have deserved to be re-elected today. But we were not prepared to let the pensioners, the health service and the school kids suffer."

He got further heckling when he suggested that no one had to rely on the basic state pension. Asked if he could manage on a state pension he said: "No old age pensioner has to manage on just the old age pension. There is council tax benefit, housing benefit... and depending on their circumstances, a range of health service benefits."

Paddy Ashdown and Tony Blair were also given a rough ride when they had to take centre stage for 20 minutes, but neither was ruffled by the hostile questioning.

Mr Ashdown appeared to condone tactical voting when he said people who wanted the Tories out should vote for the party most likely to get them out. "Vote for what you believe in. Cast your vote for what you want. If your purpose is getting rid of this government, you vote to achieve that."

Mr Ashdown confirmed that he would not work with a Conservative government in a hung Parliament but he also gave a strong indication that he expected a clear Labour majority. A hung Parliament was "extremely unlikely to happen," he said.



Michael Heseltine: denied that John Major was being "chicken" by not appearing on programme

Labour takes wing with a vision of the future

TV WATCH

NICHOLAS WAPSHOTT

THE Tories tried to frighten voters early in the campaign with a piece of television fiction speculating on what life might be like under Labour. Last night Labour returned the compliment. While the Tories showed a string of materialistic voters whining that they had been duped into voting Labour and were quickly worse off, Labour screened a featurette of life after a Tory victory.

A young father is too late to vote on Thursday because he has been waiting six hours in casualty while overworked NHS staff treat his daughter's fractured arm. As he walks out of the hospital, it is pouring with rain. A cab pulls up and tells them to get in. Then the cabbie, played by Pete Postlethwaite, reveals that he has special insight into people's lives.

Life under the Tories would mean more crowded hospitals, larger school class sizes, perhaps VAT on food, unsafe streets. And as he drops them, waiving the fare, the father notices that the hands of the public clock is being turned back. There is still time to vote Labour.

Film buffs will enjoy the parallels. The plot is a lift from Frank Capra's *It's a Wonderful Life*, in which an angel shows a suicidal James Stewart the devastation created if he had never existed. The Labour cabbie has wings.

Labour's director was Stephen Frears, the master of English television films like *My Beautiful Laundrette* who made movies like *The Grifters* in the USA. The central assumption of the Labour film is, of course, riven with implausibilities. Whoever heard of an empty cab when it is pouring with rain? Who knows of a cabbie who will pass up a fare in any circumstances?

The skill of Frears, however, was to bridge the gap between his fantasy world and the real one. Although scenes were in soft focus and overlit as in a dream, the images were real — an overcrowded hospital with patients lying in corridors; an overcrowded schoolroom, where children cannot concentrate; a high street where a child is scared by the anarchic behaviour of the children around her. Only when making the point about VAT on heating, where the girl opens her grandmother's cupboard to find it bare because VAT has been put on food, did this unlikely marriage of fact and the fabulous look absurd.

Labour have been winning the war of the election broadcasts. They have screened the bulldog Fitz, Molly Dineen's *Blair* documentary and last night's *Taxi Driver* — all well-made and well targeted. The Tory films have been weaker — the tree without roots perhaps the most ineffective — and were blown off-course as Mr Major scrapped the regular schedule to make a direct appeal to his party and the nation. All of which means very little, of course. Labour won the television propaganda wars in 1992 and 1987, too, but they lost the real elections.

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Paddy keeps his hair on in air raid on loose bits

Matthew Parris finds the Liberal Democrat leader unruffled by his party's low standing in the opinion polls during a whirlwind helicopter tour of Tory marginals

BOARDING a Sikorski helicopter to accompany Paddy Ashdown on a whirlwind tour of Liberal Democrat target seats, we were handed the three items those facing a day with a party leader should never be without: ear-muffs, a sick-bag, and a map indicating the escape hatch.

"*Hold on to your loose bits*," shouted one of Mr Ashdown's aides, as we were ushered on to the tarmac at Battersea Heliport in London, "or they'll blow away." The Liberal Democrats' airborne mission was to storm — in a morning — four Conservative constituencies with tiny majorities, and blow the Tories' loose bits away. From the window of the helicopter we watched Mr Ashdown's black Jaguar sweep up. In a moment the former Marine would be under that whirling rotor. A single question gripped onlookers. Does he lacquer his hair? Our chopper would provide the ultimate test. Ashdown stepped from the limousine, adjusted his eyes to slit-mode for a day's gritty glad-handing, and walked beneath the blades.

The Times is pleased to announce that Mr Ashdown's hairspray passes the Sikorski Test. Not a loose strand: every ginger crinkle intact. The great and unruffled leader entered the helicopter and confronted twenty media folk for whom the mother of all bad hair days had just begun. "Hiyah! How'ya doing?" he cried. And we were away.

The Liberal Democrats can afford only one chopper — not for them the Labour helicopter formation team — so we were all together with him. But rotor noise was too loud for conversation and Ashdown had an hour to himself as we headed for his first target, Colchester. Canary Wharf, construction works on the new Jubilee Line, the new East London river crossing and the brightly painted, multicoloured liveries of privatised trains — testament to 18 years of Thatcherism — passed beneath. The Palace of Westminster looked very small.

At 11.15am we came down in parkland, near a road. Margaret Thatcher was once reported to have stepped from a helicopter near Castle Donnington in the East Midlands, shot a bewildered glance at the surrounding cooling towers, and asked: "Where am I?"

Here, somewhere in East Anglia and for the first time, I sympathised. The Liberal Democrat candidate for Colchester, Bob Russell, and a handful of amazed townspeople stared as we climbed out. "Hiyah! How'ya doing?" cried Ashdown. At the sports club some 200 supporters waited. Interestingly, they were a younger crowd than the other two leaders draw. He leapt on to a wall and grabbed a microphone.

The helicopter's emergency instructions include action to be taken at the command "*brace! brace!*". The same command might helpfully be given before one of Mr Ashdown's harangues. Everyone waved orange placards and cheered. A former Marine who had quit the Labour Party was paraded like a prisoner of war. He attempted to tear up his Labour membership card for the cameras. It proved indestructible. We tore off back to the helicopter. Ashdown had spent 12 minutes in Colchester, but spent them well: he is an ace glad-hander.

An hour later we landed on a sports field somewhere near Eastbourne, where candidate Chris Berry was waiting. Ashdown alighted. "Hiyah! How'ya doing?" Have you read about that "cargo cult" on a South Pacific island where the natives — whose folk memory includes a Second World War emergency landing by a US freight aeroplane — have built ritual landing strips where they pray in preparation for a Second Landing? In a century's time, long after various helicopters, Tories, Labour and Liberal Democrats are forgotten, the natives of Essex and Sussex may be worshipping patches of grass.

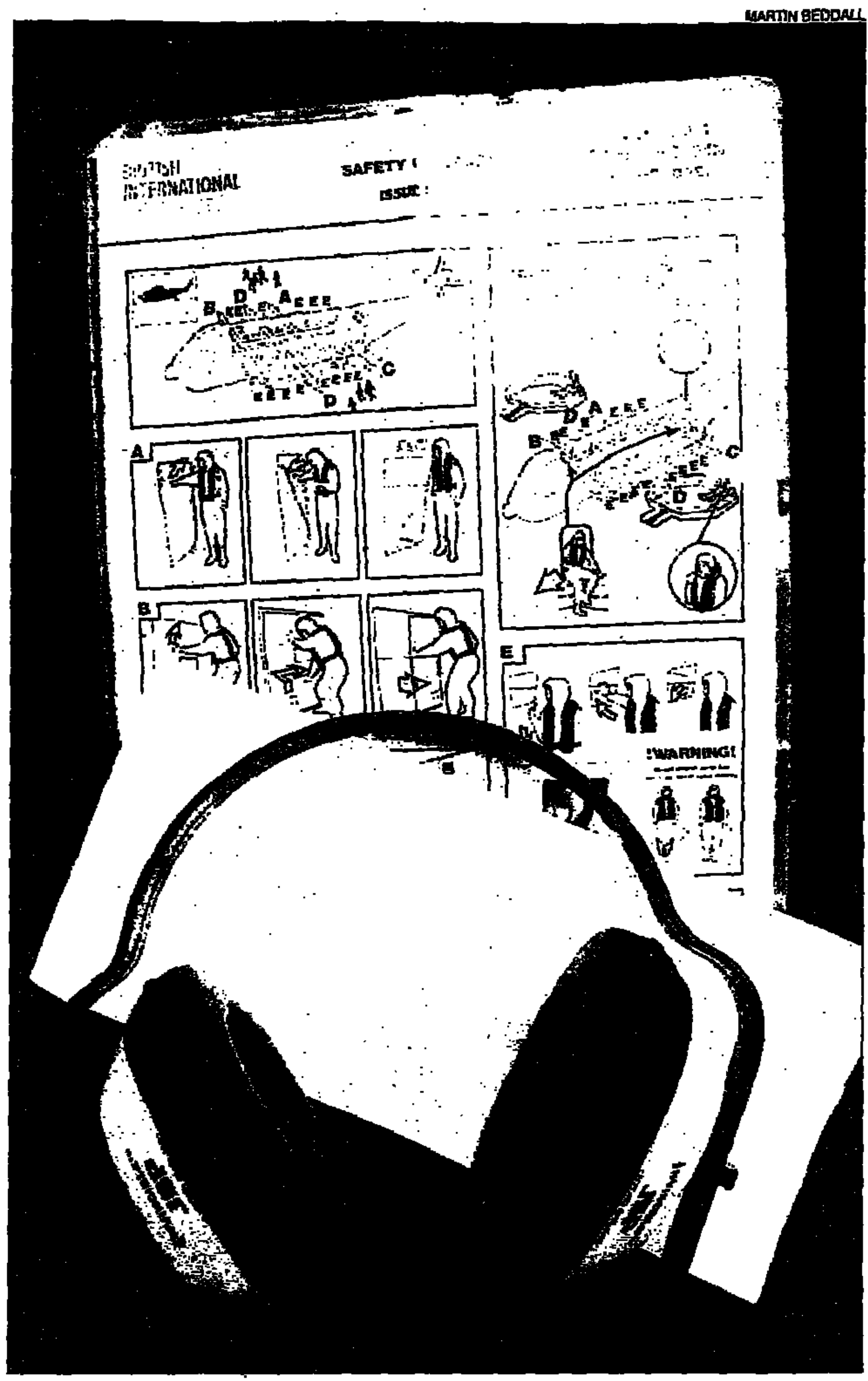
The same speech followed, after a lightning, placard-brandishing street-parade down Eastbourne's Terminus Road, bewildering scores of old ladies. Then it was the Sikorski. Then it was Lewes. If this was Lewes, that must be the candidate for Lewes, Norman Baker. "Hiyah! How'ya doing?" Three hundred Liberal Democrats — good people, with nice faces — waited in a field. The same speech again.

One realised that the problem with helicopter-hopping is not that the politician bores his audience, which keeps changing. The problem is that he bores himself.

A man on crutches was brought to be blessed, then a pregnant woman, then a toddler — and finally a dog. Paddy patted them all. "Hiyah! How'ya doing?" To the Sikorski! Twickenham was next. His hair was perfect.

Mr Ashdown: every strand of his hair remained in place during a day spent campaigning by helicopter

MARTIN BEDDALL



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Labour advance brings Lib Dems mixed omens

IF THE Liberal Democrats are ever to achieve a breakthrough, their best chance is this Thursday. Past advances in general elections have been at a Tory defeat, as in 1964 and 1974; the sole exception has been 1983, when Labour came close to destroying itself, and the Liberal/SDP Alliance had success. The omens this time are mixed, because of Labour's strength.

Paddy Ashdown has concentrated on a limited number of target seats rather than attempting a broad national advance. The theory is that the party can win more seats for any given share of the national vote.

Since 1992, the Lib Dems have emerged as the second party of local government, and have built support in the South West. The 1994 polls for the European Parliament showed both the potential and the dangers of this approach: the party won two seats, and was robbed of a third by a maverick candidate. But it was prevented from winning more because many anti-Tory votes went to Labour.

The party faces the same dilemma now. Its strategists claim that its national opinion poll rating — up from 12.8 to nearly 15 per cent during the campaign — understates its strength in its target seats.

The Lib Dem case is that even if Labour is gaining in these seats, it is at the expense of the Tories, leaving them well-placed as the leading challenger. The risk is that Labour may also be gaining from the Lib Dems, splitting the opposition vote again and allowing some Tories to win on a much lower share of the vote. The pattern is mixed, according to constituency polls conducted by ICM for *The Observer*. In some places, Labour has moved up from third place to either create a three-way fight, as in Colchester, or to eclipse the Lib Dems, as in St Albans.

The Labour advance also threatens Lib Dem gains in its top target seats in the South West, such as Taunton and Bridgwater. However, the Lib Dems argue that there is scope to squeeze Labour on an appeal to people to vote tactically against the Tories. But warning against a Labour landslide risks frightening floating voters back to the Tories.

The resilient Mr Ashdown has fought a strong campaign, focusing on the party's costed plans on health, education and crime, though hardly mentioning constitutional reform. As Labour has played safe, the Lib Dems have claimed they are being more candid on spending and tax. This would not work for one of the main contenders, but has helped prevent the Lib Dems being squeezed out of the picture.

PETER RIDDELL

My hunch is that the Lib Dems will win more seats overall, despite losing some through retirements and boundary changes. Some will be in the West Country, and the Lib Dems are also hopeful of gains at Oxford West and Abingdon, Southport and Hazel Grove. The risk for Mr Ashdown remains that, despite a modest advance, the party will be left on the sidelines by a big Labour win. Much will then depend on whether Tony Blair fulfils his promise of creating a non-tribal style of centre-left politics by reaching out to the Lib Dems.

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Clarke and Brown leave room to raise funds

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20: *Taxation*

TAX policy has been the dog that did not bark in this election campaign. However, the public's apparent indifference has been understandable. After seeing what happened to John Major's 1992 pledge of tax cuts "year after year", the voters have regarded all statements on taxes with suspicion.

Tony Blair's strategy, therefore, was to try to neutralise tax as a political factor and fight the election on other issues. However, given the strength of consumer spending and the damage done to exporters and manufacturers by the overvalued pound, substantial tax increases now look very likely whichever party is elected.

While the election may not have done much to restrain the Government's appetite for additional revenues, it has put down clear markers on how this money may and may not be raised. While the

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Liberal Democrats have boldly called for an increase of 1 per cent in the standard rate of income tax — from 23 to 24 per cent — to fund additional spending on education, Labour and the Conservatives have firmly ruled out any increase in the standard or the top rate of tax.

Labour has also promised that it will not increase the 17.5 per cent rate of VAT, nor extend VAT to food, newspapers, public transport and children's clothes. In addition, Labour will cut the VAT rate on domestic fuel and heating from 8 to 5 per cent. These are electoral pledges that voters can firmly rely on — they will not be broken, short of a war or some unpredictable calamity. The promises will never need to be broken because both Gordon Brown and Kenneth Clarke have been extremely careful to leave themselves with plenty of leeway to raise additional funds without venturing into the forbidden territories defined by their campaign promises.

By confining their promises on income tax *rates*, both parties have deliberately left open the possibility of raising more taxes by changing personal allowances, altering tax bands or reducing special reliefs for mortgage interest, pensions and personal equity plans. More importantly, they have left untouched the vast swath of taxes levied on company profits, motoring, energy, alcohol, tobacco, insurance and so on.

The £72 billion raised in income tax accounts for only 24 per cent of total government revenues, while VAT accounts for 17 per cent. Thus even if changes in these two types of tax were ruled completely out of bounds, there would be plenty of scope to raise additional revenues.

What, then, might the two major parties do — and not do? On indirect taxes, the Tories have been slightly less specific than Labour, saying only that they have no plans and no need to extend or increase VAT. Labour has said it would not extend VAT to private education but this promise does not seem to have quite the same definitive status as the promises on food and so on. Outside the VAT net, there are plenty of plans for higher indirect taxes. In fact, taxes on petrol and tobacco are scheduled to rise by 5 per cent in real terms each year under the plans already put forward in successive Tory Budgets. Labour could well accelerate this rate of increase, citing environmental and health concerns, but raising a lot of extra revenue in the process.

On income tax, the Tories have announced two major objectives: to reduce the standard rate of income tax from 23 to 20 per cent and to allow married couples with children and one non-working spouse to take advantage of two personal allowances instead of one. John Major has said that this new marriage relief would take priority over the general reduction in income tax. The relatively few eligible families would gain about £800 annually from this new relief.

Labour also has a "long-term objective" to reduce income tax, but its way of doing this is very different from the Tories. Instead of cutting the standard rate, Labour would introduce a 10 per cent tax band at the bottom of the income scale. This would be most beneficial to people on average and low earnings, while the gains from the Tory approach would go predominantly to those at the top of the income scale (see chart below).

Looking beyond income tax and VAT, the possibilities for tax changes are legion — and none of the parties has given any real indication of what it may or may not do. Probably the most sensitive area is the National Insurance system. However, an increase in National Insurance rates seems unlikely since it would be instantly identified as a devious way of breaking Mr Blair's cast-iron promises on income tax.

More likely areas for major reform are the taxation of savings and corporate profits. Labour has already promised a windfall tax on the excess profits of the privatised utilities. If the Treasury wants to raise extra money — and almost all economists are united in believing it will — the obvious places to look will be mortgage tax relief, insurance taxation and tax credits on dividends received by pension funds and personal equity plans. Reforms in these obscure corners of the tax system could raise many billions without breaking any electoral promises — and action is likely whichever party wins.

Tory reform has had little impact on salary slips

IF THERE is one thing that the numerous warring factions of the Conservative Party have in common, it is faith in the lowest possible level of taxes. It must come as a bitter disappointment, therefore, that after 18 years of Tory rule, Britain's total tax burden is considerably higher than it was in the final year of the last Labour government — 36.25 per cent of gross domestic product in the Budget for 1997-98 compared with 34.25 per cent in 1978-79.

This increase in total taxes has not gone to pay for public services. Total government spending has fallen quite sharply, from 44 per cent of GDP in 1978-79 to a planned 40.5 per cent in the current financial year — a cut in public spending equivalent to about £24.5 billion, or half the total cost of the National Health Service. Where then has all the extra tax revenue gone? Most has been used to reduce the dangerously high deficits bequeathed to the Tories by the last Labour government — public borrowing has fallen from 5.5 per cent of GDP to 2.5 per cent of GDP, a reduction almost equal to the cut in total public spending. However, a major part of the extra tax revenue has had to be used to fill the hole left in successive Tory governments' finances by the privatisation of extremely profitable nationalised industries.

These privatisations unquestionably increased the efficiency of some of Britain's most important industries, promoted economic growth and thus indirectly channelled money to the Exchequer. In addition, the profits of the former nationalised industries have been subject to corporation tax. Nevertheless, the direct effect on the public accounts has been sharply negative: the Treasury's non-tax income has fallen from 4.5 per cent of GDP in 1978-79 to a planned 1.75 per cent of GDP in 1997-98. This reduction in non-tax revenue, equivalent to almost £20 billion a year in today's money, has been roughly equal to the increase in the total burden of tax. It could be argued that the income lost from "selling the family silver" has been almost equal to the increase in total taxes under the Tories.

THE RECORD

A related charge against the Tories is that they have squandered tax revenues from North Sea oil. This is, at most, half true. Government revenues from the North Sea today are down to less than £2 billion — very similar to the level in 1978-79. But when oil prices peaked in the mid-1980s, North Sea oil was yielding revenues of more than £12 billion. This money was used partly to finance the tax cuts of the Lawson period and partly to repay the national debt. The tax cuts financed in this way were bound to prove unsustainable. The reduction in national debt should have been a lasting and worthwhile achievement. Sadly, it was frittered away by the economic mismanagement during Britain's time in the ERM.

Despite their mixed record on the overall burden, the Tories have managed to deliver big reductions in certain taxes. Most notably, the top rate of income tax was reduced from 83p in the pound under Denis Healey to 60p immediately after the 1979 election and then to 40p in 1988. The standard rate of tax was cut from 33p to 25p under Margaret Thatcher and then trimmed to 23p under John Major. Inheritance tax has also fallen, although it has not been abolished, as Mr Major has repeatedly suggested it would. Curiously, the Tories have actually increased the burden of the two taxes that entrepreneurs and small businessmen most dislike — capital gains and business rates.

Despite these provisos, nobody can deny that the reduction in Britain's punitive income tax rates has been a genuine, and probably irreversible, achievement. But even on this central point at least three caveats must be attached. Most obviously, the money the Treasury gave up through income tax reductions was taken back by raising indirect taxes. VAT was almost doubled from 8 to 15 per cent immediately after the 1979 election to finance the first big reductions in standard and higher rates of tax. VAT was then raised to 17.5 per cent in 1991 to finance the replacement of the hated poll tax by the council tax.

The second caveat is that the actual deductions from most workers' pay packets have not changed by remotely as much as might be suggested by the headline cuts in rates. This is because successive Tory Chancellors have whittled away the numerous allowances — especially mortgage tax relief and marriage allowances — that used to be available against taxes and have lowered the starting levels at which both the standard and the top rates of income taxes are paid. In addition, there has been a big increase in the employee's National Insurance contribution, from 5.75 per cent in 1978-79 to 10 per cent today. This alone has offset roughly half the reduction in the standard rate of income tax since 1979. (The employer's National Insurance contribution, which most economists regard as a payment of income tax on behalf of the employees, has gone up even more sharply.)

Thus the net result under the Tories has been not so much to reduce the burden of income tax as to alter the way that it is raised.

This leads to perhaps the most serious objection to the Tory income tax record. The main effect of all the changes was to redistribute income tax from one group of taxpayers to another and the main losers have been the people who could arguably least afford extra taxes: families on low to middle incomes, especially those with only one breadwinner. For example, a married couple with one working spouse on average earnings, a mortgage and two children, paid 12 per cent of their income in taxes and National Insurance in 1978-79. A similar family is now paying more than 20 per cent. The gainers from the Tory period have broadly been families with two full-time workers and the relatively rich. A family with two workers and a total income of three times average earnings, for example, would have paid 32 per cent of its income in tax and National Insurance in 1978-79. Today that would be down to about 27 per cent.

In sum, then, the changes in the tax system have contributed to the dramatic widening in Britain's distribution of income illustrated in the top chart. Most economists would argue, nevertheless, that everyone has benefited indirectly from a less penal tax system that has promoted economic efficiency, discouraged tax avoidance and sharpened economic incentives. But this may not be persuasive to voters who do not see the extra money on their salary slip.

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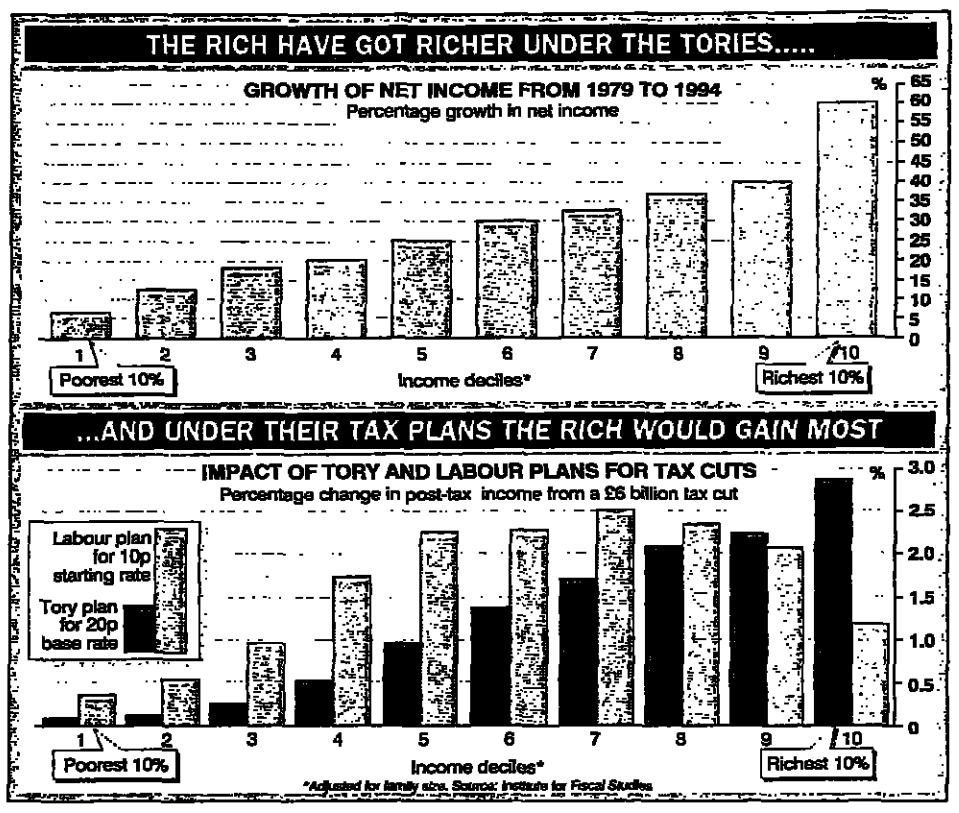


*Adjusted for family size. Source: Institute for Fiscal Studies

THE POLITICIANS

KENNETH CLARKE. Age: 56

Education: Nottingham High School, Cambridge (BA in law and LLB), Gray's Inn.

Experience: seven years as barrister in the Midlands, combined with work for Conservative Party and Bow Group. Elected 1970; swiftly promoted through whips' office to junior minister under Heath. In Cabinet since 1985, Chancellor since 1993.

Politics: passionate pro-European, one-nation Tory, fearless political bruiser with strong social conscience. Believes Treasury best serves the poor by maintaining strong growth and low inflation, not by redistributing income.

GORDON BROWN. Age: 46

Education: Kirkcaldy High School, Edinburgh University (PhD in history).

Experience: academic and later a television journalist. Senior shadow economic posts since 1987. Shadow Chancellor since 1992.

Politics: convinced that Labour lost the last election because of its demand for higher taxes, especially on "aspirationals" who thought they might earn more in future then be clobbered by high tax. Opponent of old Labour class strugglers, but has read his Engels and Marx. Believes that greater equality can be achieved by offering opportunity to all, rather than by redistribution by taxation.

WHAT THEY SAID

In the next Parliament we'll go tax cutting. We will make that our aim year by year. I want to extend the 20p tax band further and further up the income scale. More tax cuts for all. That's how you provide benefits for all. That is our basic Conservative belief.

John Major, April 1992

We have no plans and no need to increase the impact of VAT.

John Major, March 1992

We exempt far too many goods and services from VAT in this country.

Kenneth Clarke, letter to a constituent, 1993

We hurt people and they remember those promises and they remember the taxes . . . this time they are looking cautiously out of the side of their eyes, is this for real?

Kenneth Clarke, May 1996

There will be no increase in the basic or top rates of income tax.

Labour manifesto

My tax-cutting ambition is to lower the starting rate of tax to 15p or even 10p.

Gordon Brown, September 1996

Gordon can say anything he likes if he thinks it is going to win the election. When Labour is in power they will be looking for other priorities apart from tax cuts.

Diane Abbott, November 1995

THE FACTS

☐ A married couple with one breadwinner on average earnings (£21,316) in 1996-97 paid 21.4 per cent of income in direct taxes. A similar couple would have paid 20.5 per cent in 1991-92 and 20.9 per cent in 1978-79.

☐ A single person on average earnings (£21,316) in 1996-97 paid 27.6 per cent in direct taxes. A similar person would have paid 28.1 per cent in 1991-92 and 31.5 per cent in 1978-79.

☐ Taking account of changes in VAT and other indirect taxes, the total effects of all tax and benefit changes between 1992 and 1997 have been negative for everyone, according to the Institute for Fiscal Studies.

☐ North Sea oil now produces less than £2 billion a year in revenues. Revenues peaked at £12.03 billion in 1984-85.

☐ Income tax now yields 24 per cent of total tax revenues, compared with 29 per cent in 1978-79. In the same period the share of VAT has risen from 7.8 per cent to 16.9 per cent.

☐ Tobacco and alcohol duties have fallen from 7.2 per cent of all taxes in 1978-79 to 4.8 per cent in 1997-98.

☐ In 1995, Britain's tax receipts as a share of GDP were the lowest in Europe, but at 37.6 per cent they were higher than Japan (32.1 per cent) and the US (31.3 per cent).

CONSERVATIVES

Income tax: cut standard rate from 23p to 20p when resources allow. Introduce transferable personal allowances for married couples with children and non-working spouse. This new marriage allowance will take priority over reductions in standard rate.

Tax allowances: no specific commitments have been made on mortgage relief, suggesting that it could continue to be whittled away as it has been since 1979.

Capital gains: long-term aspiration to abolish capital gains tax and inheritance tax but no progress towards either goal. Both take lower priority than income-tax cuts and new marriage relief. Given pressure on public finances, not much hope of progress in next Parliament.

VAT: no plans to raise or extend, but no absolute promises.

Corporation tax: no windfall tax, but changes in advance corporation tax as likely as under Labour. Norman Lamont and Kenneth Clarke have already taken a bite, and Treasury appetite seems to be growing.

LABOUR

Income tax: no increase in tax rates. Long-term aspiration to introduce 10 per cent band for those on lower incomes. National Insurance unlikely to be raised, but no manifesto promise.

VAT: firm promises of cut on domestic fuel, no increase in general rate, and no extension to food, books, newspapers, public transport and children's clothes. Indications that VAT will not be extended to private school fees, but no manifesto promise.

Corporation tax: windfall tax of £5 billion to £10 billion on privatised utilities. Changes in advance corporation tax widely rumoured, but not confirmed.

Capital gains: Labour will consider a lower rate of capital gains for long-term investments, but this is not promised as a commitment.

Tax allowances: no specific commitments, meaning that mortgage relief could be reduced further. Labour rejects the Conservative idea of providing special allowances for married couples with children.

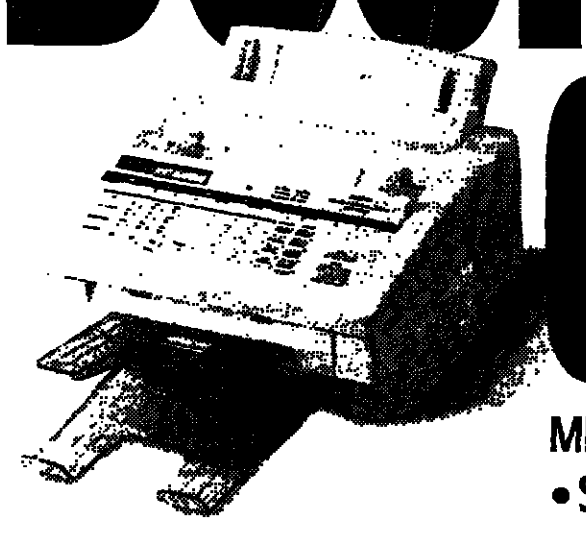
LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

Income tax: increase the standard rate from 23 to 24 per cent to finance an extra £2 billion a year in education spending. Top rate increased from 40 to 50 per cent. Personal allowance raised by £200 to take 500,000 poorer people out of the income-tax net. Liberal Democrats believe that the better-off are prepared to pay higher taxes if they know where the money is going. National Audit Office to prepare annual report, certifying that the extra penny on tax is not diverted from education and is being efficiently spent.

VAT: cut on energy conservation materials to 8 per cent.

Motoring and energy taxes: higher fuel duties, offset by reduction in vehicle excise duty for small-engined cars. Other energy and pollution taxes likely. Manifesto commitment to "begin a long-term shift in taxation, reducing taxes on jobs, wealth and goods and shifting them to pollution and resource depletion".

Tobacco duties: extra 5p per packet, earmarked to pay for additional health spending.



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Windfalls credited for boosting consumer confidence

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

THE "feel-good" factor has hit a ten-year high but consumers are crediting building society windfall payments rather than the Government for the surge in confidence, a new survey finds today.

Business Strategies, whose director Bridget Rosewall is one of the Chancellor's panel of independent economic advisers, says that its consumer survey shows the highest levels of consumer confidence in the UK since 1987.

Its overall consumer confidence index shows a net balance of 24 per cent of consumers optimistic about the next 12 months. The index shows that optimism has now risen in seven out of the last eight quarters — the longest sustained increase in confidence since the mid-1980s.

But it suggests that the principal reason behind the surge is windfall payments from the flotation and conversion of a number of building societies and insurance companies, which will see consumers reap a £21 billion windfall.

David Fell, a director at Business Strategies, says: "The 'feel-good' factor is being put down to the windfall gains and consumers are not seeing the Government as being responsible for these windfall gains. Consumers are very cynical in that they see this as nothing do with the Government."

Business Strategies says that other factors which have led to an acceleration in confidence among consumers include falling unemployment and tax cuts. The positive benefit of these changes is outweighing consumer fears about increases in inflation and interest rates and the outcome of this week's general election. Its economists say that their evidence shows the economy to be doing better than at any time since the 1980s boom, but they insist that this is not an "unsustainable boom to be followed by a calamitous bust".

The survey suggests that consumers are still concerned about the outlook for housing, employment security and the impact of windfall gains and "still have their feet on the brake pedal". However, the consultancy is forecasting a rise in interest rates by the end of this year by a full percentage point to 7 per cent, though it refuses to endorse suggestions from organisations such as the CBI and the British Chambers of Commerce that an incoming government should consider raising taxes as well as examining further rate rises.

Sears to detail Strong exit and sell-off

By Patience Wheatcroft
City Editor

SEARS is to demerge its Selfridges department store business. The plan will be revealed this morning, along with details of the long-rumoured departure of Liam Strong, chief executive. There is also likely to be news of the appointment of an outsider to help Sears to extricate itself from its shoe retailing operations.

Mr Strong will leave the group in June. Speculation over his future has been rampant as details of the group's dismal performance has leaked out. Today Sir Bob Reid, chairman, will report that profits for the year to January have sunk from £100 million to less than £80 million. The major problem is the shoe business, but Freemans, the mail order company, is also significantly down.

The new Sears strategy is not as radical as some City pundits had hoped. While Selfridges is to be demerged, the group will not make an immediate exit from its loss-making shoe chains. Instead, it is likely to bring in a company doctor to preside over the exit at the least possible cost to the company.

The company will argue that with this structure in place, there will no longer be a need for a chief executive at the centre. Prospects of a £500,000 payoff to Mr Strong, who is on a two-year contract, are likely to arouse criticism from shareholders who have seen the value of their investments tumble under his reign.

There could be further disappointment to come, since pulling out of shoes will bring heavy write-offs. They will not be taken with the 1996-97 accounts, and the company will hope that by avoiding a hasty closure the outcome can be better than the £300 million costs that one analyst has predicted.

Today will bring confirmation that Sears is pressing ahead with the sale of Freemans to Littlewoods, but at a significantly lower price than the £395 million previously agreed. This may leave the way open for another bidder to come in. N Brown is said to be still interested in Freemans.

City firms apologise for role in failed Regan bid

By Sarah Cunningham

TWO leading City institutions yesterday made unprecedented apologies to the Co-operative Wholesale Society over their role in Andrew Regan's abortive takeover attempt.

Hambros, the merchant bank, and Travers Smith Braithwaite, the solicitors, settled out of court with the CWS, issuing unreserved apologies and agreeing to pay damages believed to exceed £1 million.

Hambros, after consulting the Securities and Futures Authority and the Bank of England, appointed Norton Rose, the solicitors, to conduct an inquiry.

The CWS is continuing to pursue its legal action and claims for damages against Mr Regan, 31, his business partner David Lyons, their companies Lanica Trust and Galileo, and Allan Green, the former CWS executive who has admitted to giving then numerous commercially sensitive documents. No further out-of-court settlements are expected.

Both Hambros and Travers Smith Braithwaite resigned yesterday as advisers to Lanica and Galileo. An increasingly isolated Mr Regan also lost the services of Lowe Bell, the public relations firm headed by Sir Tim Bell.

Peter Large and Andrew Salmon, the two Hambros corporate finance directors who acted for Mr Regan, are continuing to work for the bank, a spokesman said.

In a separate development, Ronald Zimet, the Anglo-Israeli businessman at the centre of a mysterious payment made during an earlier deal between CWS and Mr Regan's companies, resigned yesterday as chairman of the AIM-listed Freepages.

Mr Zimet, who is believed to be in The Netherlands, has declined to comment on the role he played in arranging the extension of a contract between CWS and Hobson, a food company owned by Mr Regan, for which he was paid £2.4 million through a British Virgin Islands company, Trellis International. CWS have asked the Serious Fraud Office to investigate the payment.

The resignation from Freepages severs Mr Zemit's only known connection with British business. A spokesman for Freepages said Mr Zimet was worried the publicity surrounding him was hitting the company's share price.

In his letter to Graham Melmoth, chief executive of CWS, Sir Chips Keswick, chairman of Hambros Bank, wrote: "Regretfully, I have to say that it is quite clear to me the judgment exercised in Hambros proceeding in the way that it did fell below our standards and those which you were entitled to expect from us. The purpose of this letter is to offer my personal, and the bank's, unreserved apology and to assure you that we are taking the appropriate action to ensure tht this will not happen again."

Alan Keat, the senior partner of Travers Smith Braithwaite, wrote to Mr Melmoth: "We regret that we were recipients of documents confidential to CWS and accept that our conduct did not accord with the standards which we set ourselves."

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ANDRÉ CAMARA

Ronald Zimet, right, with Robert Bonnier and Nigel Robertson promotes Freepages in 1996

Regulators ask for Hambros report

By Jason Nissé

THE Bank of England and the Securities and Futures Authority have asked for copies of the Norton Rose report into Hambros's role in the Galileo affair and may use it as the basis for action against the bank and its director, Peter Large.

Both regulators are concerned about the use of confidential information belonging to the Co-operative Wholesale Society in framing the bid. Any action would be taken jointly and sanctions could include a fine for Mr Large or Hambros and a possible suspension from the SFA for Mr Large.

He was formerly a top-rated stockbroking analyst in paper and packaging, joining Hambros less than two years ago from Swiss Bank Corporation, where he sat 20 metres from Brian Keelan, the CWS's adviser, in an open-plan office.

Mr Large had been with SBC for seven years, having been poached from Hoare Govett, the stockbroker. His departure, with a team of four, was controversial as he was called back by Hoare's lawyers to answer questions about confidential information that may have been taken when he left. Mr Large denies taking anything belonging to Hoare.

At Hoare he advised one of the more colourful businessmen to operate in the UK, John Elliot, of Elders IXL, the Australian brewer, who last year was acquitted of fraud charges to do with his time at Elders.

At SBC he worked for an even more colourful bidder, Robert Maxwell, advising the late publisher on the sale of Pergamon Press, the cornerstone of the Maxwell empire.

Halifax to warn members of float dangers

By Anne Ashworth

THE Halifax will this week warn customers of the dangers of bypassing its free share-dealing service in the hope of making a larger profit.

It now seems likely that a higher than expected proportion of the 7.6 million beneficiaries of the £12 billion flotation may request share certificates in order to sell through stockbrokers. It is feared that this could imperil the smooth running of the Halifax's stock market debut on June 2.

The Halifax dealing service was set up for those who wished swiftly to sell their holdings. However, members may be discouraged by results of the first week of trading in Alliance & Leicester shares. Some 27 per cent of A&L customers decided to sell, and those using A&L's dealing service pocketed £1,334, while those using other brokers received as much as £1,405.

If a similar proportion of Halifax customers opt to take the money, two million people would be trying to deal at about the same time. It is feared that this would put private client stockbrokers under unbearable strain. Concern has been expressed over the ability of Crest, the already overstretched new system for share deals, to cope with this year's £22 billion building society share bonanza. Extra requests for share certificates would further increase pressure.

The Halifax yesterday pointed out that customers opting for share certificates and disposing of their holdings through other stockbrokers would not be covered by the "floor" price of 415p announced yesterday. This floor price will apply only to those selling through the Halifax dealing service on June 2, or in the first auction to institutional investors, on May 30.

Analysts say the Halifax price may range from 450p to 500p.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	4389.7	(+20.0)
Yield	3.68%	
FTSE All share	2118.62	(+6.47)
Nikkei	18670.37	(+57.51)
New York:		
Dow Jones	6771.38	(+32.51)*
S&P Composite	772.08	(+6.71)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5⁹⁄₁₆%*	(5⁹⁄₁₆%)
Long Bond	93²¹⁄₃₂*	(93¹⁷⁄₃₂)
Yield	7.14%*	(7.14%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6½%	(6½%)
Liffe long gilt future (Jun)	109¹⁄₁₆	(108³⁄₄)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6235*	(1.6234)
London:		
$	1.6234	(1.6231)
DM	2.8040	(2.7974)
FFr	9.4561	(9.4464)
SFr	2.3863	(2.3820)
Yen	205.48	(204.64)
£ Index	99.9	(99.7)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.7285*	(1.7275)
FFr	5.8255*	(5.8312)
SFr	1.4699*	(1.4690)
Yen	126.70*	(126.25)
$ Index	106.2	(106.0)

Tokyo close Yen 126.73

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jul)	$18.35	($18.35)

GOLD

London close	$340.05	($342.55)

* denotes midday trading price

Leeds Utd chief quits over loss of confidence

By Jason Nissé

ROBIN LAUNDERS, chief executive of Leeds United, yesterday resigned less than nine months after taking the job when he was told the board of Caspian, Leeds' parent company, had lost confidence in him.

His departure followed a meeting yesterday morning with Chris Akers, the former corporate financier who heads Caspian, and Peter McCormick, Leeds's long-standing legal adviser. Mr Launders will receive a pay-off of £150,000.

The fall-out between Caspian and Mr Launders comes at a critical time for Leeds United. It is trying to win the contract to develop the land next to its ground at Elland Road into an indoor arena which will house the Leeds Lasers, the ice hockey team being launched by Caspian.

However, it is believed that Leeds City Council may favour a rival bid from StradiVarious, a stadium development group led by Patrick Nally.

Recently Mr Launders has stopped attending meetings of the Premier League, with Mr Akers turning up instead. The League is in the early stages of deciding what it will do with pay-per-view television coverage of football, which is expected bring as much as £2.5 billion into the game each year.

Leeds United has been seen as a radical voice in these discussions, and has talked about putting coverage of matches on the Internet on a pay-per-view or pay-per-listen basis.

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BSM takes a wrong turning over tests

By Fraser Nelson

SHARES of BSM skidded by 27 per cent yesterday after the driving school company blamed the new written driving tests and severe January weather for a reverse in profits.

BSM said students were staying at home until they had passed the written test, leading to a 54 per cent drop in applications for the practical test.

To adapt to the reduced levels of demand, the company is closing 18 of its 154 branches as part of a plan to save £1 million a year — a reversal of the expansion drive put into action four years ago. It will end the restructuring with almost the same number of centres it had in 1993.

Richard Glover, the chief executive, said that the market had not shrunk, but was going through a temporary reduction which would correct itself later in the year.

He said: "We misread the extent to which people would decide to get the test out of the way before starting the practical course. Our share of the market has risen, but after this artificial barrier, the market as a whole has gone down. We are still sure the market will bounce back, but there's no indication of that happening yet.

He added that outlets being closed were in mostly in the areas where additional new ones had opened, allowing tuition to carry on without disruption. Also, he said applications for provisional licences — the main indicator of the pool of learner drivers — had only fallen by 15 per cent.

The company does not profit from the theory test, which is being conducted by Capita, the services group, but can only make money from selling its range of study aids.

The company's shares, which have been steadily falling from 200p since September, dropped a further 38p to a new low of 103½p yesterday.

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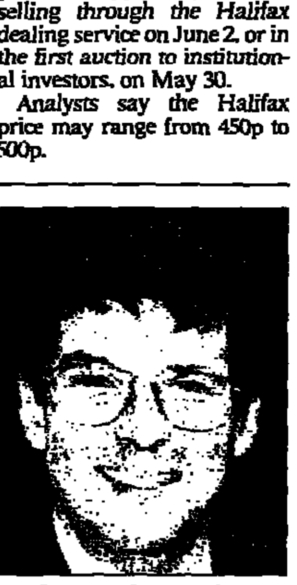

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Computer hitch hits drive for electricity choice

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to enable domestic consumers to shop around for electricity have hit a fresh obstacle after computer hitches in the power trading market that will co-ordinate the scheme. The problems could mean a delay to the proposed launch on April 1 1998.

The software problems in the electricity pool — which governs trading arrangements — involve systems to estimate consumer consumption. The package will now be delivered weeks late, making implementation of the programme perilously tight. Advisers to the regulator are looking at knock-on effects throughout the industry.

A pool spokesman said: "It will mean a delay for the rest of the industry, for the interfacing of systems. But what we don't know is the impact on the April 1 deadline. That should be clearer next week." He said that putting back the start-up date could be recommended by advisers who are expected to report in the next few days.

The setback has emerged just weeks after the Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee said that the timetable had slipped so much that delay should be considered. It said: "Given that [electricity companies] will have had eight years' notice since vesting, this progress is substantially less than we would have expected . . . 12 months before implementation."

Privately, many companies say that not all systems will be in place by the deadline and that there will be no time to do tests. The regulator has already agreed to phased introduction of competition, overturning the original plan to implement competition nationwide. It is thought that a Labour government would consider delaying full competition rather than risk the administrative nightmare that followed introduction of competition to the industrial electricity market three years ago.

Regional electricity companies have been told of the delay to the pool's £50 million scheme and are calculating how it will affect their developments. It will hinder establishment of their own systems to deliver competition and may add to cost, a contentious issue. The companies are at odds with the regulator over the cost of the project: the watchdog puts it at £210 million, but some electricity chiefs say £500 million.

Novice investors given warning by Fed

FROM RICHARD THOMSON
IN NEW YORK

AS PRIVATE investors continue to pour into the US stock market in record numbers, the central bank has launched an unprecedented advertising campaign to warn novice investors that they could lose all their money.

The Federal Reserve Board is placing adverts on television and in newspapers, pointing out that investments in mutual funds (the US equivalent of unit trusts) are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance scheme the way bank deposits are. The message is that if mutual funds lose money in a market crash, there is no back-up fund to ensure that investors do not lose everything. If the money is lost, it's gone for good. If a bank goes bust, however, depositors will receive at least a proportion of their money back from the official insurance fund.

The Fed has good reason to worry. The hundreds of billions of dollars of private investors' cash flooding into the stock market has been driving up share prices over the last two years. But Alan Greenspan, the Fed Chairman, is becoming increasingly worried that the market is overheating.

The level of investor ignorance about stock market investing is startlingly high. According to a recent survey by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the US market watchdog, 28 per cent of mutual fund investors think their money is insured by an official fund. They believe, in effect, that they cannot lose their money. Another 36 per cent thinks that if they buy mutual fund investments through a stockbroker, they are also insured. Neither proposition is true.

The fact that the Fed is putting out the advertisements indicates the seriousness with which the authorities view the problem. The Fed usually only gets involved in market matters if it believes there is a systemic risk threatening the financial system.

Mr Greenspan is known to fear that a stock market crash now, unlike the 1987 crash, could cause profound damage to the underlying economy because of the dramatic broadening of the investor base in recent years.

PETER NICHOLLS

Graham Wallace, CWC chief executive, right, and Nicholas Mearing-Smith, finance director, as the company's shares began trading yesterday

Unit trust Pep sales set £1.1bn record in March

BY ROBERT MILLER

A LAST-MINUTE rush to beat the taxman, perhaps fuelled by the prospect of a Labour government, helped unit trust providers to boost personal equity plan sales in March to £1.1 billion, a record for any month.

In the latest tax year, unit trust Pep sales exceeded £6.2 billion, a rise of 43 per cent on the previous year's total of £4.3 billion, according to figures published yesterday by the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds (Autif).

In the first few days of this month, leading up to the April 5 end of the tax year, unit trust groups took in £797 million of Pep money.

Autif said that net unit trust Pep sales in March were £56 million higher than in April last year, taking the figure for the first quarter of 1997 to a net £1.9 billion. This was slightly below the record £2 billion in the second quarter of 1996.

Overall, however, net new investment in 1,677 unit trusts fell by £2.8 million in March, compared with February's £1.4 billion. This is still considerably higher than the same month last year, when unit trust net investment was £972.2 million. Total funds under management rose to £140.6 billion in March, from £140.5 billion in February.

The number of unitholder accounts rose to 8.4 million last month, from 8.2 million in February and 7 million in March of last year.

The most popular destinations for Pep investors' money last month were UK Growth and UK Growth and Income trusts. Europe Pep funds also proved popular, with total net sales of £118 million. In the past 12 months, Europe Pep sales have doubled as a proportion of the Pep market. Corporate bond Pep sales reached £191 million in March, the highest figure for 11 months.

Philip Warland, of Autif, said: "Pep sales continue to reach new heights. Sales just for the month of March were on a par with the total for the whole of 1992. The growth in the number of regular savings plan holders shows that the use of unit trusts is becoming part of the nation's savings habits. Investors need transparent, simple investment products with good performance, and unit trust Peps are able to match these needs perfectly."

City institutions and pension funds showed less of an appetite for unit trusts than did private investors. Autif figures show that institutional sales in March fell by £596 million, from £897 million to £301 million.

In contrast to retail sales, institutions injected nearly 40 per cent of the total into the International Growth sector, and Europe fell out of favour, with a net £45 million flowing out of Europe unit trusts.

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Lacklustre opening for CWC shares

CABLE and Wireless Communications, the new phone and cable group, got off to a lacklustre start yesterday when the shares opened and closed at virtually the same price (Eric Reguly writes).

The shares opened simultaneously on the London and New York stock exchanges at 299p, rose to 309p and settled back to finish at 299½p. The price fell within analysts' forecasts and valued the company at about £4.5 billion.

CWC was formed from the merger of Mercury Communications and the Nynex, Bell CableMedia and Videotron cable companies. C&W owns 53 per cent of the group. CWC does not qualify to join the FT-SE 100 index because of its small free float — only 14.7 per cent is held by public investors — and because it is majority owned by a FT-SE 100 company.

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Mulcahy pay tops £1m at Kingfisher

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

SIR Geoffrey Mulcahy, chief executive of the Kingfisher retailing group, saw his pay rise above £1 million again last year.

He was paid a total of £1.266 million, compared with £999,000 a year earlier. In the year to February 1, he received £640,000 basic salary, £38,000 in benefits, an annual bonus of £325,000 and long-term incentive payment of £219,000. His pension payments were £61,000.

Kingfisher, which owns the Woolworths, B&Q and Comet chains, enjoyed good trading and profits last year. In 1995, when the group reported its first ever fall in profits, Sir Geoffrey decided to forgo his long-term bonus, which was worth about £178,306. A year earlier, his pay level peaked at around £1.3 million.

Mulcahy: bonus

Jim Hodkinson, the head of B&Q, the DIY arm, who was rumoured last year to have argued with Sir Geoffrey but who has since seen B&Q through a remarkable revival, earned £766,000 last year compared with £480,000 a year earlier.

The company maintained its traditional support for the Conservative Party, donating £25,000 last year, the same amount as a year earlier.

Echostar deal may founder

BY ERIC REGULY

ECHOSTAR, the American satellite broadcaster, yesterday said a $1 billion TV alliance with The News Corporation, parent company of *The Times*, may be in jeopardy.

It said News Corp may abandon plans to join forces with Echostar unless Echostar committed itself to using a News Corp "conditional access" system for the satellite broadcasts. Such systems ensure that only paid-up subscribers have access to the channels.

Echostar said News Corp had delayed regulatory filings related to the alliance. "A new timetable for regulatory filings has not been set. There can be no assurance that News Corp will proceed." A News Corp spokesman said: "There are a number of business issues to be negotiated." He said News Corp had not delayed regulatory filings.

Mortgage lending figures disappoint

BY ADAM JONES

UK BANKS arranged fewer new mortgages than expected last month, emphasising the patchiness of the housing recovery. The British Bankers' Association (BBA) said the major banks made gross loans of £2,175 million in March, just one per cent more than in February, traditionally a much weaker month.

Tim Sweeney, BBA director-general, said March was disappointing across the mortgage lending industry, including building societies. He said: "It may be that overall demand for mortgage finance has been restrained somewhat by concerns over future interest rate movements and uncertainties related to the election."

Mr Sweeney said that a shortage of property in popular areas may also be a factor. This has been a problem in some parts of London and the South East in particular. In those areas of the country a lack of suitable houses and flats has led to rapidly inflating values and frustrated buyers.

Seasonally adjusted figures showed that net lending grew by £755 million from February to March, compared with £780 million from January to February. Taken as a whole, the first three months of the year saw 16 per cent more net lending than the last quarter of 1996. The number of new mortgage approvals rose from 34,529 to 39,642 in March.

The average new mortgage was £58,300, 7 per cent higher than at the same time last year.

The BBA figures should be swelled next month by the inclusion of the Alliance & Leicester. This year's early Easter, a popular time for house hunting, could also increase new mortgage approvals in April.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Warning to banks on stolen US bonds

THE City of London's most senior fraud squad officer has given a warning to banks to be on the lookout for $111 billion of American bonds, stolen from Citibank ten years ago, which have begun to resurface in European capitals. Detective Superintendent Jerry Ohlson, head of the City of London Police fraud squad, said that two stolen bonds with a face value of $5 million had been presented in London twice last year.

Mr Ohlson, who headed the Serious Fraud Office investigation into the Barings affair, said: "Fortunately our banking systems proved robust enough to pick up the attempted transactions at a very early stage. Nevertheless we cannot afford to be complacent and we should be on the lookout for any further attempts to pass off these stolen bonds." The bonds were originally stolen by the Mafia from a wastepaper recycling company in New Jersey where they had been sent for destruction. **Dirty money, page 33**

Funding for M6 project

AN £52 million loan to help to modernise 25 miles of the M6 between Glasgow and Carlisle was announced by the European Investment Bank. The EIB, the EU's long-term lending arm, is backing the project because of its importance in the Brussels grand plan for a network of trans-European road and rail links. The 25-year loan goes to Autolink Concessionaires, the private company that has won the M6 development contract from the Scottish Office. Work on the 25-mile section will complete the enlargement of all 65 miles of motorway between Glasgow and Carlisle to three lanes.

NU denies float rumours

NORWICH UNION, the insurer, has dismissed reports that it has chosen June 16 as the date of its £5 billion flotation. A spokeswoman said: "It's speculation. We certainly haven't released that date, although we have said it will be June." The Halifax Building Society is scheduled to float on June 2. Norwich Union's stock market debut will bring windfall payments worth an average of £1,000 to about three million policyholders. Norwich Union received High Court approval for the flotation last week. More than 1.8 million people voted in favour of the proposals.

Equity & Law sales up

AXA Equity and Law, the insurer, had strong first-quarter sales, with group personal pension business up 21 per cent. Individual investment business rose 26 per cent in the quarter, compared with the 1996 first quarter. The insurer is making changes to boost sales and productivity, including plans for new Peps and annuities, and a scheme to reduce compliance checks on policies. Mark Wood, chief executive, said the changes were not a short-term way to attract a buyer, but ways to build on "very successful first-quarter sales". A planned purchase by Sun Life has been stalled by some shareholders.

Hepworth chief's payoff

JOHN CARTER, who resigned as chief executive of Hepworth, the building materials group, last week, could be in line for a maximum payoff of £550,000 under the terms of his contract. Mr Carter, who had a two-year rolling contract, received a basic salary of £274,000. Hepworth, which was keen to emphasise the amicable nature of Mr Carter's departure, said his severance pay had yet to be finalised. The accounts show that he was paid £562,000 last year, which included a one-off fee of £248,000 struck after an agreement to extend a restrictive covenant contained in his service agreement and for consultancy services.

Lessels steps down

NORMAN LESSELS, the chairman of Standard Life, Europe's largest mutual life office, yesterday resigned from the board of Bank of Scotland after the insurer confirmed that it has applied to the Bank of England for a banking licence. A spokesman for BoS said: "There is a potential conflict of interest and in the highest standards of Scottish business life Mr Lessels has resigned as a director of the bank." BoS will, however, continue to sell Standard Life-branded pension and savings products.

Double for Boeing

BOEING has more than doubled profits and increased sales by 70 per cent since completing the acquisition of Rockwell International's defence and aerospace business in December. Boeing earned $313 million in the first quater of 1997 compared with $119 million last year. Revenue grew to $7.32 billion ($4.29 billion) after the take-off of demand in the aviation sector. Boeing also made $64 million from an accounting change at an employee-benefit trust fund. A total of 68 aircraft were delivered during the quarter, up from 40.

Alexandra to shed staff

ALEXANDRA WORKWEAR, the Scottish uniforms and overalls supplier, has turned to Morocco as part of the retreat from its native market in favour of imports from Africa and the Far East. The company has offered redundancy packages to the 900-strong workforce in Scotland, and says it will start to lay people off if acceptances are not forthcoming. Its profits plunged from £5.3 million to £1.1 million in the year to February 1, reducing earnings to 2.2p a share from 10.3p. The total dividend is held at 6.5p a share, with a 4p final.

Slow start hits Vega

SHARES of Vega dropped to a 12-month low yesterday as the computer systems group gave warning that it had suffered a slow start to the year and was on course to return stagnant pre-tax profits of £3.4 million at the year end. The cautious statement upstaged news of a £6 million training contract with the RAF, and the £5.5 million acquisition of CBL Technology, a training centre which runs from Bristol and Derby. CBL last turned in profits of £404,000 on sales of £1.7 million. Vega's shares closed 7½p down at 272½p.

The Scottish Provident Institution

The 159th Annual General Meeting of members of the Scottish Provident Institution will be held on Tuesday 27 May 1997 at 12 noon in the Caledonian Hotel, Princes Street, Edinburgh, to consider the Accounts and Balance Sheet and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors, to elect Directors, to determine the remuneration of the Directors and to re-elect the Auditors.

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Conservatives claim consumers will pay for planned windfall policy on utilities

Cost of Labour energy tax put at £5 a week

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR'S planned energy taxes would cost the average household £5 a week, the Conservative Party claimed yesterday.

William Waldegrave, chief secretary to the Treasury, said the windfall tax on utilities would wipe out the benefits of a reduction in VAT on fuel and put extra costs on consumers.

His calculations are based on 25 per cent of a £5 billion windfall tax being passed on to customers through higher prices.

The figures were dismissed by the Shadow Chancellor's office but they echo fears raised recently by the Institute of Fiscal Studies and the electricity regulator over higher utility charges stemming from a windfall tax.

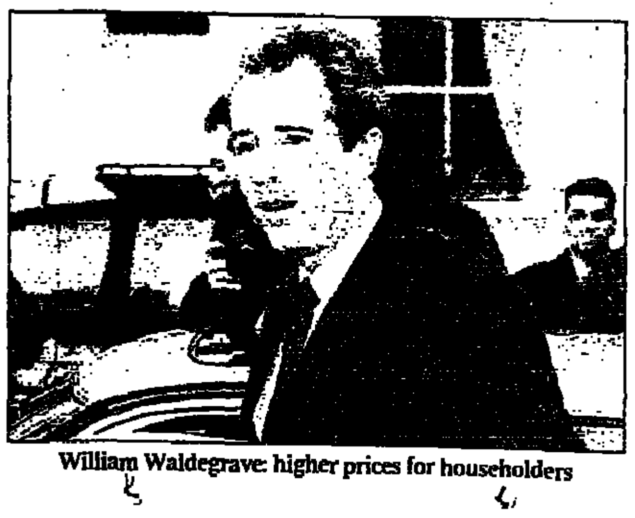
Labour has not given details of the amount likely to be levied, nor has it specified which companies will be hit by a windfall tax. But the Tories claim that likely charges on the electricity companies and British Gas — which is now two companies — would mean a £24 increase for a household, while Labour's reduction of VAT on fuel from 8 per cent to 5 per cent would save £18.72p.

Water companies have been excluded from Tory calculations, although they, too, face a windfall levy.

Raising prices would need regulatory approval but the electricity regulator told a Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee that he would listen to price arguments stemming from the windfall tax. The gas regulator has also condemned the windfall tax and called for Centrica, the supply half of the old British Gas, to be exempt.

An aide to Gordon Brown said: "Everyone knows prices will not go up because of the windfall tax. Even the regulator has said so." A Conservative spokesman said that the party's estimates were generous to Labour.

The IFS last month warned that the windfall tax could mean higher prices for customers and throw a cloud over employment prospects in the companies. Lucy Chennells, senior research economist at the IFS said although the levy would be imposed on companies "people pay the tax in the end."



William Waldegrave: higher prices for householders

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Denmark Kr	11.24	10.44
Finland Mkk	8.95	8.27
France Fr	9.89	9.19
Germany Dm	2.95	2.74
Greece Dr	465	435
Hong Kong $	13.30	12.20
Iceland	127	107
Ireland Pt	1.10	1.02
Israel Shk	5.81	5.16
Italy Lira	2943	2743
Japan Yen	219.80	203.80
Malta	0.660	0.605
Netherlands Gld	3.338	3.068
New Zealand $	2.49	2.27
Norway Kr	11.98	11.19
Portugal Esc	292.50	272.50
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☐ Merchant bank that helped CWS raiders may pay high price ☐ Abell makes Panel look silly ☐ Investors rush to beat Labour

Hambros cops the Co-op rap

☐ THE apology by *Hambros to* the CWS could not have been more fulsome. It will *not, however*, do anything to restore the damage *done* to the bank by its involvement in the extraordinary *fiasco precipitated* by the ambitions of Andrew Regan.

Neither will the stable-door closing exercise of bringing in solicitors Norton Rose to investigate the bank's role in the proceedings. Their findings may point the finger at those individuals who were guilty of misconduct, but those names have already been put in the frame by the righteously indignant Graham Melmoth and his CWS colleagues.

Blame cannot be confined to those at Hambros, led by Peter Large, who were in the front line of the bid. The bank's top management is guilty of the second worst sin in merchant banking. The first is to lose a lot of money; only *slightly less dreadful, but* potentially more damaging in the long term, is to *display* lack of judgment. That is just what Hambros *has done*. There were enough doubts in the City about the *credentials of Mr Regan and* his entourage for top brass at the bank *to* be wary of joining his gang. The decision to do so would *not have been taken without the* knowledge, and approval, of the bank's bosses. Having *taken that* dubious decision, they should have been watching *for the first* signs of anything going awry, and have been ready to order a rapid, face-saving, exit.

Yesterday's mood of *mea culpa* comes too late. It will only add ammunition to those who believe that Hambros needs a drastic shake-up. Last year Hong Kong-based Jim Mellon bought a 3 per cent stake in the business and started calling for change. His Regent Pacific investment business glories in being dubbed a vulture fund. That should have given the board an sign that they might have to alter their comfortable existence if they were to survive. Instead, they rejected Mr Mellon's break-up proposals.

Now they may have to consider them again, for its latest indiscretions make Hambros *look* extremely vulnerable. For a start, it may like to rethink the decision to replace the plans for effectively crowning Sir Chips Keswick as both chairman and chief executive this summer. *When Lord Hambro retires*, Sir Chips, now chief executive of the *group will succeed him and his* own role will vanish.

Hambros was a once great City name, but now makes more money out of estate agency than merchant banking. Little more than a decade ago, it was in the same league as Schroders, but astute management has seen the latter soar in stature, and profits, while Hambros has dwindled. Hambros itself needs new blood and new ideas, but not from the likes of Andrew Regan. Deputy chairman Christopher Sporborg recently revealed: "My motto in all things has always been to expect the worst and hope for the best." In the Co-op affair, Hambros should have expected the worst, and now seems likely to experience just that.

A very private concert party

PENNINGTON

☐ FOR more than 30 years a collection of merchant bankers and lawyers, known as the Takeover Panel, *has practised its* dictatorship over one aspect of *the City's activities. It is not* perfect, but by comparison with *most efforts at self-regulation, it* does not do badly. The executive *will make a decision and if* principals do not like it, they can appeal to the full Panel. And if the full Panel's decision is unwelcome, that is tough.

There have been questionable decisions. Ask employees of Northern Electric, which was delivered into the hands of American raiders when the Panel extended the bid after an indescretion by Barclays de Zoete Wedd. Its latest ruling on Thomas Jourdan defies belief.

The Panel has decided that David Abell, the former head of Suter, was not in a concert party with his former financial advisor, Roger Devlin, and the Crutch family when they built up *a combined 39 per cent stake in* Jourdan, maker of the Corby *trouser press. If Abell, Devlin* and Crutch had been in a concert party, then the Panel would have forced them to make a bid.

The Panel has now ruled that, as Devlin and co have recently decided to support Abell's attempts to be appointed to Jourdan's board, they are now in a concert party with Abell. This means Abell, who the Department of Trade and Industry once found not guilty of organising illegal concert parties, is not allowed to buy any more shares.

He does not need to do so. At the extraordinary general meeting next month, it would take an almost unheard of combined effort by other shareholders to block the way for Abell and his friends. The reason why the Panel makes the bidding threshhold 29.9 per cent is that anything above that gives effective control if shares are widely held.

The *Panel* clearly has made a mistake. In this case it can do nothing about it. But it should change its rules so that if shareholders combine *to* form a concert party after taking their *stake above* 29.9 *per cent*, they have to make a bid at the price at *which they most recently* bought shares. This would stop the sort of back door takeover which Abell is almost certain to perform at Jourdan.

Trust stampede shows distrust

☐ DO VOTERS believe Labour's Tory lookalike policies? Judging from that usually reliable indicator, the feet vote, legions of small investors do not.

Conveniently, the election was called just before the end of the financial year. This set off a stampede to buy personal equity plans while stocks lasted. On paper, Labour is pledged to keep Peps. Investors took no chances.

In the last five days of the old fiscal year, investors bought a net £800 million of unit-linked Peps alone, according to the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds: more than an eighth of the year's sales. As many are addicted to last-minute Pep-buying as to buying presents on Christmas Eve. But this year's election-beating five-day Pep rush was comfortably more than *double the £366 million in April* 1996, itself by a long way the previous record. In the wake of that self-generated rush, customers are being encouraged to take up their 1997-98 Peps before a Gordon Brown Budget.

Investors were hardly chasing a UK boom. The Bank of England had no need to tell them they could lose their shirts, as the US Federal Reserve plans to do. Most pundits forecast 1997 to be poor for shares. By the start of April they had fallen 5 per cent from a March 11 peak. Significantly, sales of European funds jumped 150 per cent in spite of the Morgan Grenfell affair.

Evidently, investors fear that the unspecified "improvements" that Labour promises for Peps will prove another case of better means worse.

Euro riddle

☐ PUZZLE: the International Monetary Fund, scourge of budget deficits and fan of strong currencies, has just forecast that none of the top five EU economies will meet the Maastricht budgetary test for membership of a single currency. Yet IMF officials repeatedly emphasise that starting the euro on time is vital "to end uncertainty". Explanation: Michel Camdessus, suitably reluctant French candidate to head the European Central Bank, is IMF Secretary-General.

Spending worries hit shares in Chiro

By Paul Durman

SHARES in Chiroscience, one of the UK's largest biotechnology companies, lost nearly 5 per cent of their value yesterday in the face of an upbeat annual results statement.

While Chiroscience reported "excellent progress" with its local anaesthetic, its molecule manufacturing business and its recent acquisition of Darwin Molecular of Seattle, the City focused instead on the level of ongoing spending. Its shares fell 17½p to 335p.

Spending on research and development increased by 84 per cent to £22.2 million in the year to February 28, pushing losses up from £11.6 million to £18.7 million. These figures were higher than most analysts had forecast.

One reason was the level of spending on levobupivacaine, the local anaesthetic, which Chiroscience believes has the potential to hit sales of $1 billion a year. Levobupivacaine is an improved version of an existing Astra drug, which sometimes causes convulsions or heart problems. The Chiroscience drug is now in extensive phase 3 trials, and the company hopes to file to register the product at the end of this year.

John Padfield, Chiroscience's chief executive, said levobupivacaine has a wide range of possible uses, including relief of post-operative pain and in eye surgery.

Dr Padfield said the acquisition of Darwin had already given Chiroscience important insights into the behaviour of its matrix metalloproteinase (MMP) inhibitors, a class of arthritis and cancer drugs. Chiroscience hopes to produce a cancer drug with fewer side effects than marimastat, British Biotech's highly rated MMP inhibitor. Chiroscience intends to give a full scientific update on this and other projects at the end of May.

ChiroTech, the group's business that makes single isomer compounds for other drug companies, made its first profit of £1.2 million, improving from a £900,000 loss in the previous year. Sales rose strongly from £3.4 million to £9.2 million, helped by one of its customer entering phase 3 trials on one of its drugs.

This was the first time Chiroscience had split out ChiroTech's results separately. British Biotech and Celltech *both eventually sold their third*-party manufacturing businesses, and Dr Padfield *hinted* that Chiroscience may eventu*ally make a similar move*.

Chiroscience said the Stevenage pilot *manufactur*ing plant that it bought last year was already *demonstrat*ing value in producing materi*al for clinical trials*.

Padfield: hinted at sale

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DES JENSON

Tony Hill, managing director of Surrey Free Inns, left, with Gerald Richardson yesterday

Pub chain sold for £11m

By Alasdair Murray

GERALD and Ann Richardson will collect about £4 million after selling their pub chain to Surrey Free Inns for *£11.35 million yesterday*.

The Richardsons own one *third of* Richardson Inns, which operates eight pubs, *including a series of large café* bars in the City of London and For *Your* Eyes Only, the UK's largest table-dancing venue.

The remainder of the company is controlled by Whitbread, which also owns a 4.5 per cent stake in Surrey Free Inns. Mr Richardson *will join the board of Surrey* Free Inns as an executive *director and will invest* £1 million in its shares.

Surrey Free Inns, which now operates 35 sites, said the *purchase* would improve operating efficiencies and buying power. It predicted that the acquisition would be earnings enhancing, adding about £1.5 million in profits in the first full year. Surrey is fund*ing the purchase with a* £12 million rights issue, offering *one new share for every eight* existing shares at 420p.

The company added that it will review the position of For *Your Eyes Only with a view to* selling the premises. Surrey made profits of £1.56 million on turnover of £10.7 million in the 36 weeks to February 9. Shares in the AIM-listed company, which intends to transfer to the main market in the autumn, closed unchanged at 450p.

MGM in $573m library purchase

From a correspondent in New Jersey

MGM, the Hollywood studio, is buying Metromedia International's entertainment group and film library for $573 million. The deal will add *Dances With Wolves* and *The Silence of the Lambs* to MGM's library, which includes *Midnight Cowboy* and the James Bond series.

The transaction involves Metromedia's 2,200-title film and television library and the production and distribution activities of its entertainment group, including Orion Pictures Corp, Goldwyn Entertainment Co and Motion Picture Corp of America. The acquisition more than doubles the size of MGM's library.

MGM, owned by a group of investors led by Kirk Kerkorian, will also acquire 12 completed movies and five direct-to-video features for future release. Metromedia said that the deal will allow it to focus on its telecommunications business, particularly its expansion in Eastern Europe and the Far East.

The transaction does not include Metromedia's Landmark Theatre Group, which has 138 screens at 50 locations throughout the US.

After the acquisition MGM's combined libraries will consist of more than 3,600 titles, making it the biggest collection of post-1948 movies.

Along with wireless cable *TV systems, Metromedia's* telecommunications operations include *FM* and *AM* radio broadcasting, paging *services and various kinds of* telephone services in Eastern *Europe, former* Soviet republics and other emerging markets.

In addition to movies, MGM has a 4,500-title home video library and a television library. Its operating units include MGM Pictures, United Artists Pictures, MGM Music and MGM Interactive. The deal is subject to shareholder approval and is expected to be completed this summer.

Former chief stirs up boardroom row at Premier

By Carl Mortished

ROLAND SHAW, the former chief executive of Premier Oil, is stirring up a row over an alleged conflict of interest in the presence of Sam Laidlaw, chairman of Amerada Hess, on the board of Premier. Mr Shaw yesterday suggested that Amerada, which owns 25 per cent of Premier, might wish to make a bid for the company and he questioned whether Mr Laidlaw should have access to board documents.

Mr Shaw intends to cast his 2.77 million shares against the re-election of Mr Laidlaw at Wednesday's annual meeting and he said: "If Amerada wants to make an offer, will it do it in co-operation with management or will they fight it vigorously?"

In a letter published in today's edition of the *Financial Times*, Premier's chairman, Barrie Stephens, said that Amerada and Mr Laidlaw were prohibited from voting on any contract between Amerada and Premier. "Premier's rapid growth during the last year, particularly in the highly competitive South East Asian region could not have been achieved against a background of conflict of interest."

Mr Shaw, who resigned as chief executive in *1992* after a two-year decline in the company's share price, said that Premier's interest in Burma was undervalued by the market and he blamed institutions for failing to address the underperformance.

"They run for cover if anybody suggests they should stand up and be counted," he said.

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New setback over tobacco

THE tobacco industry had another setback in the US courts yesterday when the Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal against a Baltimore advertising ban.

A billboard company was challenging the city's ban on tobacco and alcohol advertising in residential areas, but the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia, ruled that the constitution allows flexibility on advertising if a ban is made to protect children.

The same court will hear a US Food and Drug Administration case to be allowed to regulate tobacco advertising.

Bell Lines rescue plan ready

From Eileen McCabe in Dublin

A RESCUE plan for Bell *Lines, the* troubled freight group based in the Republic of Ireland, is to be presented to creditors this week and put *before a Dublin court* for approval next Monday.

The package, *drawn up by* an examiner appointed in *February by the Irish High* Court, is believed to involve a debt write-off, the injection of up to Ir£5 million in capital and 200 job losses. It is expected that haulage creditors, who are owed around Ir£17 million, will be offered between Ir30p to Ir40p in the pound. Trade creditors, who are owed Ir£8 million, should receive Ir20p in the pound.

Of the proposed job losses, 70 will be in the Republic with the remainder coming from operations in Britain, The Netherlands, France and *Germany*. Bell, which recorded trading losses of Ir£6 million last year, was badly hit by the Channel Tunnel.

It is expected that Irish Continental Group, the shipping company with a 25 per cent stake in Bell, will lead a consortium of investors who will inject Ir£5 million into the company immediately as part of the restructuring plan.

It is still not clear whether venture capital funds — NatWest Ventures and CVC Capital Partners each owned a 30 per cent stake in Bell — will be part of the new investment consortium.

Results cheer Grampian

MacLeod: digital investment

By Eric Reguly

SHARES in Grampian Television, the ITV broadcaster in the north of Scotland, rebounded yesterday from their year *low* after the company reported record earnings.

A strong local advertising market helped Grampian to make pre-tax profits of £11.8 million, or 25.7p a share, in the year to February 28, up from £5.8 million, or 11.6p a share. Excluding a £4.7 million one-off gain on selling the Scot FM radio station, earnings per share were 14.5p, against 11.6p. A 5.25p final dividend makes 7.25p, up from 5.4p.

The shares rose 17½p, to 263½p, after a 12-month low of 243½p last week. Anthony de Larrinaga, analyst with Panmure Gordon, sees Grampian as still undervalued, and with the attraction of being a takeover target. Scottish Television is thought the likeliest suitor.

Calum MacLeod, chairman, said Grampian is investing in digital broadcasting capability.

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Go-Ahead to board Brighton Bus

By Fraser Nelson

GO-AHEAD, the transport group, is to strengthen its presence in the South East of England by buying Brighton's second-largest bus company, giving it control over most of the town's public transport.

The company is paying £5.76 million for Brighton Bus, which was bought by its drivers, management and office workers for £320,000 four years ago. It already owns Brighton's Thameslink rail fran*chise and Brighton & Hove, the town's* main bus operator. The company is paying *Brighton Bus employees 180p* a share. The 250 workers who originally supported the buyout paid 10p a share. Half will miss out on Go-Ahead's offer having sold shares in the in-house market which last valued them at 48p apiece. The average payout will be £28,800.

Ian Butcher, finance director, said the company would dominate public transport in Brighton after the deal, but the core area may be too small to warrant MMC attention. "We will just have to see *how the MMC interpret 'area'*. What people forget is that travel companies are *competing all the time not just with each* other, but with other forms of transport.

"We see most of our competition comes from cars, and we compete by improving value for money. There's a strong argument for having a single dominant operator because it lets you work much more closely with local government."

STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Late surge fails to restore confidence of investors

SHARE prices were dragged higher to close at their best of the day. But it was a far from convincing performance in thin trading that saw fewer than 700 million shares change hands by the close.

A strong pound, gains of around a half point among government securities and an opening mark-up on Wall Street combined to provide the impetus for a late advance that left the FT-SE 100 index 20.0 up at 4,389.7. It enabled the market to claw back all of Friday's losses but did little to *restore investor confidence*. There was little genuine retail demand. Investors are proving reluctant to open fresh positions ahead of polling day and Friday's US non-farm payroll numbers.

Asda proved a bright spot with better than expected trading

There was a lukewarm response by institutional investors to first-time dealings in **Cable and Wireless Communications**, an offshoot of **Cable and Wireless**, up 7½p at 479p. Videotron, Nynex *Cablecomms and* Bell Cablemedia.

The price opened at 300p and touched 306½p before dropping to 294½p. It later rallied to close ½p cheaper at 299½p as 7.59 million shares were traded. Brokers say fund managers may take to CWC *eventually, switching* out of the other American cable companies such as **Telewest**, 1½p better at 90p.

But there was a positive response to the news that the Government had decided not to refer the £1.3 billion bid by **Williams Holdings** for **Chubb Security**, 22½p higher at 447½p, to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Williams rose 15p to 333p.

City speculators moved in on **Vickers**, up 2½p at 210½p after last week's profits warning. They say the setback for profits leaves the group vulnerable to an unwanted bid from the likes of **GKN**, down 3p at 913½p. The speculation was no doubt fuelled by recommendations on Vickers from BZW and Hoare Govett. Rival HSBC James Capel is believed to be telling clients that a bid for Vickers is unlikely.

LucasVarity fell 6p to 183½p after buying back a further 2.5 million of its own shares at 185p. ABN Amro Hoare *Govett, the broker,* conducted the business.

Hambros saw its price touch 226½p before "apologising unreservedly" to the Co-operative Wholesale Society for its behaviour while acting as an adviser for Andrew Regan. The CWS is now taking legal action against Regan *and others* but has called off threatened action against **Hambros** which closed 5p better at 242p.

Shares of **BSM** went into reverse, falling 38p to 103½p, after a warning that profits were likely to plunge to around half last year's level. It blamed the new driving test that includes a written theory test. Many learners have now put off booking tests until they pass the theory side.

Vulnerable targets are always under attack by the bears and Shield Diagnostics has proved no exception. Yesterday the bears sold it short down to 462½p before the shares closed a net 47½p off at 480p. The move follows last week's 35p fall in the share price in the wake of reports of share sales by the board.

Another profits warning left **WEW Group** nursing a loss of 2½p at 16½p. The retailer expects second-half profits to be neutral after exceptional gains of £2 million. Profits will be in line with the £1.6 million made in the first six months.

Revelation of Piccadilly, the Aim-listed retailer, celebrated its maiden payout with a rise of ½p to 5¾p. Full-year figures showed a fourfold rise in pre-tax profits with brokers pencilling in £750,000 for the current year.

Alfred McAlpine, up 4p at 167½p, has emerged as the mystery suitor in bid talks with rival Raine. McAlpine revealed its identity in an attempt to play down speculation. It warned the market that any bid for Raine will be at a small premium to the market price of 19¾p, up ¼p.

Quality Care responded to news of a bid approach with a rise of 37p to 311p where the company is valued at £43 million. Word is the bidder may be American. Two years ago the Darlington-based nursing homes group rejected an offer of 330p a share from Sun Health Care.

News of the sharp increase in losses last year at **Chiroscience** left the shares *nursing a fall of 17½p at 335p*. The company gave warning that the research and development "cash burn" would be higher than most brokers had been forecasting. It has been a difficult time of late for the food retailers although conditions may start to look up if a Labour government is elected. That is the view of Philip Dorgan, food retailing analyst at Panmure Gordon, the broker. In a review entitled *Life Under Labour he concludes* that any alterations to corporation tax may prompt the supermarket chains to return spare cash to shareholders rather than open more stores. *But he remains neutral on the* sector after a period of underperformance.

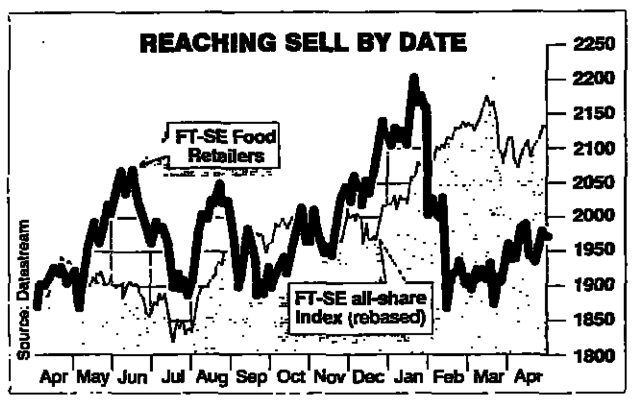
The one encouraging spot is **Asda**, ¼p easier at 116½p, which Dorgan visited recently ahead of its April year end. Trading has been better than expected and he has lifted his forecast from £337 million to £352 million. The figures will include a fifty-third week which should bolster profits by around £7 million.

But William de Winten at Hoare Govett remains cautious about the food retailers and *fears margins continue to be* eroded. **Safeway**, unchanged at 344½p, is said to be vulnerable to margin pressure. **Sainsbury** firmed ½p to 324p, **Tesco** eased 1p to 363p and **Somerfield** shed ½p at 180½p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Prices in London closed below their *best levels of the day reflecting* a cautious start to trading among US Treasury bonds.

In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt closed £5/16 firmer at £109 1/16 as a meagre 37,000 contracts were completed. At the longer end of the conventional market, *Treasury 8 per cent 2015 put* on £7/16 at £102 25/32, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was three ticks better at £102¼.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Technology shares were boosted by news that global unit shipments of personal computers had *jumped 16 per cent in the first* quarter from a year earlier. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 32.51 points to 6,771.38 at midday.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	6771.38 (+32.51)
S&P Composite	772.08 (+6.71)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	19670.37 (+57.51)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	12610.17 (-35.59)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	749.76 (-2.86)

Sydney:

AO	2461.7 (-13.0)

Frankfurt:

DAX	3363.06 (-14.21)

Singapore:

Straits	1996.79 (-22.81)

Brussels:

General	12342.56 (+73.23)

Paris:

CAC-40	2550.25 (+13.99)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	993.90 (+2.80)

London:

FT 30	2869.7 (+7.7)
FTSE 100	4389.7 (+20.0)
FTSE 250	4496.2 (-4.3)
FTSE 350	2150.4 (+7.4)
FTSE Eurotrack 100	2192.47 (-4.53)
FTSE All-Share	2118.62 (+6.47)
FTSE Non Financials	2159.85 (+0.29)
FTSE Fixed Interest	116.61 (+0.25)
FTSE Govt Secs	93.63 (+0.17)
Bargains	51677
SEAQ Volume	674.4m
US$	1.6237 (+0.0007)
German Mark	2.8054 (-0.0044)
Exchange Index	99.9 (+0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.4339
£:SDR	1.1859
RPI	155.4 Mar (2.6%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	154.9 Mar (2.7%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Alliance & Leicester	559	+ 5
Aurora Inv Trust	*100*	...
Bickerton	38½	...
Cable & Wireless	299½	...
Charlton Athletic	57½	...
Close Bros Prot VCT	95	...
Comino	*139½*	...
Donatantonio	80	- ½
Heal's	212½	...
Lady in Leisure	130½	+ 3
Methven's	48	...
NMT (50)	50½	...
Newcastle Utd	125	...
Northstar Secs	28½	...
Oxford Tech Venture	95	...
Partners Hldgs	169½	...
Qualceram (143)	155½	...
Soccer Investments	103½	+ 1
Torch Hldgs	107½	...
United Overseas Grp	69	+ 4

RIGHTS ISSUES

Ask Central n/p (160)	35	...
Break for the Brdr(51)	1½	...
Edge Props n/p (135)	18½	...
Luminar n/p (320)	57½	...
Pembertons n/p (18)	3	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Quality Care	311p (+37p)
Wainhomes	141½p (+9p)
Williams Hldgs	333p (+15p)
Cortecs	269½p (+10p)
Azlan	564½p (+18p)
Greencore	309p (+9p)
Royal Bk of Scot	572p (+13½p)
AB Food	529½p (+12p)
Cairn Energy	586p (+12½p)
General Accident	852p (+14p)
Granada	887p (+14½p)

FALLS:

Kalamazoo	77½p (-22p)
S&U	380p (-42½p)
EIS	312½p (-32p)
Shield Diag	480p (-47½p)
Huntleigh Tech	165p (-15p)
Chiroscience	335p (-17½p)
Silentnight	300p (-15p)
Xenova	360p (-12p)
Bodycote	725p (-22½p)

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TEMPUS

Under the ground

CABLE and Wireless Communications is not a pretty stock market debutant. It consists of four companies — Mercury and the Nynex, Bell CableMedia and Videotron cable businesses — whose fortunes have ranged from the mediocre to the disastrous. CWC begins its quoted career with virtually no profits, £1.3 billion in debt and a commitment to spend £2.3 billion over the next two years. Gearing will rise from 51 per cent to 95 per cent and shareholders will be lucky to see a dividend for five years. Finally, CWC has no brand; the Mercury name did not survive the merger.

But there is hope. CWC has enormous potential to grow. The cable networks are only half built: when finished, CWC will have access to six million homes. In an industry where content cannot exist without distribution, this asset could be invaluable. The trouble is only one in four homes that has access to cable subscribes to the service. CWC needs to double that ratio if it is not to flop.

The key to success in the cable business is improving the range and quality of programming while reducing the cost of *content*. Hence the need for CWC to renegotiate supply contracts with BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster, which provides almost all of CWC's programming. The *size of* CWC's customer base will give it a powerful negotiating position but the big question is whether CWC is confident enough to stand up to BSkyB. The *risk is that* BSkyB refuses to deal on favourable terms, leaving CWC in a mad and costly scramble for alternative programming. A breakthrough on the programming side would give CWC a powerful boost but, in the meantime, there is no hurry to buy.

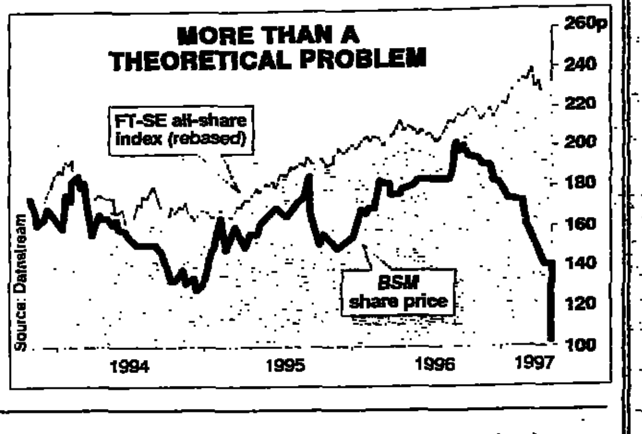
BSM

NOT so long ago, BSM was rubbing its hands at the prospect of a written driving test but yesterday the directors looked as though their car had run into a lamppost. Last year's "opportunities arising" from the new theory *test are now described as an* "unfortunate burden", "unneccessary barrier" and, in short, the Antichrist on parchment.

BSM, it seems, had become too accustomed to profiting from failure. The stiffer the test, went the logic, the bigger the revenues and BSM splattered the map with new driving centres in anticipation.

Unfortunately, the Driv*ing Standards Agency has* required students to pass their written test before applying for the practical test, thereby delaying bookings with the instructor. Moreover, *the bookings compare* poorly with last winter's rush to sit the test before the nasty written part was introduced.

Irksome, says BSM, but ultimately no big deal. Students are bound to creep out from behind their books at some point: a question of *when rather than if*. But if BSM were truly confident, would it shut down 20 outlets *and make noises about cost* savings. The share price suggests BSM was building for the boom that never was, now shutting shops as quickly as it opened *them last* year. Investors must conclude that Britain's novice drivers are truly dim or something is seriously amiss at BSM.



Premier Oil

HELL HATH no fury like a chief executive scorned. Roland Shaw's very public attack on the composition of the Premier Oil boardroom, in which he once featured large, brings back memories of Tiny Rowland, another man who put his personal stamp *on the company that em*ployed him, not always to the liking of institutional shareholders. But behind the allegation of conflict of interest lies the more interesting question of bids.

Premier has been unofficially in play for months. A *standstill agreement* that kept Amerada's 25 per cent interest in check came to an end last February, arousing speculation that Amerada would bid or that Amerada would sell. In the event, neither has happened and it is worth considering why. *Since it acquired its stake,* Amerada has been building up its own South East Asian portfolio of oil and gas interests. The logic of buying out Premier has diminished just *as the share price has ad*vanced but, more important, Amerada is an American company and Premier's big stake in Burmese gas is now a powerful deterrent to American investors, fearful of the proposed sanctions legislation.

*Premier has made a speci*ality of investing in pariah countries — Albania, Cuba, Burma — a policy that opens doors to interesting deals while closing doors to big investors. Even if Amerada wants to sell, it may find buyers thin on the ground, at least until the US Congress decides how big a stick it wishes to wield against the Burmese generals.

McAlpine/Raine

ALFRED MCALPINE wants to do its bit in the construc*tion industry shake-out. For a* modest £40 million, it proposes to take over Raine and create a £1 billion business with strength in housebuilding. It is hard to sum*mon up much enthusiasm for* this prospect. Neither company entered negotiations with a strong record. It would be encouraging to see McAlpine make rather more progress at home before trying to sort out someone else's problems.

As for Raine, it has begun to emerge from a dreadful few years. Roy Barber, the "company doctor" who remains as chairman, recently handed over the chief executive's role to David Vincent. Mr Barber may feel his job is nearly done, but shareholders have scarcely begun to see what Raine can do. Surely a recovering business with annual sales of almost £400 million should be worth more than £40 million?

No deal is yet agreed, so neither McAlpine nor Raine have had a chance to explain *their strategic thinking*. It will need to be good.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

May	1022-1020	Jul	1057-1054
Jul	1044-1043	Sep	1068-1064
Sep	1057-1055	Dec	1078-1076
Dec	1026-1024	Mar	unq
Mar	1037-1034		
May	1046-1044	Volume:	3144

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	1550-1545	Jan	1605-1600
Jul	1605-1603	Mar	unq
Sep	1620-1618	May	—
Nov	1625-1620	Volume:	8600

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	302.0-01.5
Spot: 318.2		May	301.8-00.0
Aug	313.8-13.5	Aug	302.8-00.0
Oct	305.5-04.0	Oct	298.8-95.0
Dec	303.0-02.0	Volume:	1112

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 25

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB.	101.37	132.81	91.98
(+/-)	+9.69	+1.98	+0.37
Eng/Wales.	101.37	133.10	91.45
(+/-)	+9.69	+0.09	+0.36
(%)	-1.0	+4.0	+11.0
Scotland:	unq	115.18	96.46
(+/-)		+4.30	+0.50
(%)		-11.1	+10.1

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.90	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Jun)	18.25	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.35	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	19.90	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	19.90	n/c

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	201 (+1)	205 (+2)
Gasoil EEC	170 (n/c)	172 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	*80 (n/c)*	*82 (n/c)*
Naphtha	176 (+1)	178 (-1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

May	165.75-66.00	Aug	168.75-69.00
Jun	165.75-66.00	Sep	170.75 SLR
Jul	167.25-67.50		Vol: 9119

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jun	18.26-18.28	Sep	18.52 BID
Jul	18.35-18.38	Oct	18.55-18.58
Aug	18.47 SLR		Vol: 14158

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)		LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)	
May	93.35	May	86.50
Jul	96.50	Sep	90.25
Sep	93.25	Nov	92.25
Nov	95.25	Jan	94.25
Jan	97.25	Mar	96.25
Volume:	1022	Volume:	37

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
May	unq	27.5
Jun	—	50.0
Nov	—	62.0
	Volume:	83

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

May 71.00-71.50

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 97	unq	—	1265
May 97	1330	1325	1328
Jun 97	—	—	1250
Jul 97	1190	1150	1180

Vol: 56 lots Open interest: 3016

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(Official) (Volume prev day)	LONDON METAL EXCHANGE		Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	Cash: 2520.0-2525.0	3mth: 2390.0-2392.0	Vol: 119680
Lead ($/tonne)	626.00-626.50	636.00-636.50	173000
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1247.0-1248.0	1270.0-1270.5	464975
Tin ($/tonne)	5685.0-5690.0	5725.0-5730.0	17925
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1606.0-1606.5	1631.5-1632.0	1653075
Nickel ($/tonne)	7320.0-7330.0	7450.0-7460.0	74814

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Dom	420	24	33½	39	14	20	30
(*434)	460	7	16	22	41	44	54½
ASDA	110	10	12	14	2½	5	6
(*116½)	120	4½	7	9	7	9½	11
Boots	650	54	61½	68	9½	15½	21
(*694)	700	21	32½	41	31½	38	43½
Br Airways	650	53	65½	75	11½	19½	24
(*693)	700	23	37	48	32½	40	46½
BP	700	30½	47	56	23	33	40½
(*706)	750	11½	25½	35	55	64	69
Br Steel	140	9½	10½	12½	7½	9½	12½
(*145)	160	2	3½	5½	23	24	26
C & W	460	35	47	55½	15	22	29
(*479½)	500	16½	26½	36½	36½	43½	50
CU	650	46	67	76½	25½	44½	50½
(*664½)	700	24½	44½	58½	52	75½	82
ICI	700	31	40½	54	21½	34	39
(*709½)	750	12	20	33	53½	65½	69
Land Sec	750	44½	52½	61	12	20	25½
(*785)	800	13½	26½	36	40½	46½	52
M & S	460	41	48½	54½	7	10	14½
(*495½)	500	15	25½	32½	24	28	32
Nat West	700	44½	57	72	10	35	42
(*717)	750	20	34	48½	46	62½	68½
Safeway plc	330	22½	29	36½	12	16	20½
(*345)	360	8	16	22	30	33	37
Sainsbury	300	27½	31½	35½	6	9	11½
(*324)	330	8½	16	21	21	23½	26
Shell	1050	52	76	90	23½	42½	50
(*1067)	1100	26	50	65	49½	68	75½
Smkl Bch	900	78	103	116½	17½	32½	40
(*947½)	950	49	74½	90	37	53½	62½
Storehse	300	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
Trafalgar	50	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	60	—	—	—	—	—	—
Zeneca	1900	103	144½	185	56	82½	95½
(*1929)	1950	59	95½	134½	110	134	145
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**
BAT Ind	500	40½	51	62½	19	33½	39
(*515½)	550	19	29½	40	46½	61½	67½
Vodafone	260	21½	25½	34½	8½	13½	17
(*271)	280	11½	16½	24½	19	25½	27
Series		**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
Grnd Met	500	19	32½	41	5½	18	22½
(*510)	550	2	11½	18½	40	47½	51½
Ladbroke	220	13½	21	25	2	8	9½
(*231)	240	2½	10½	14½	11	15½	19½
Utd Bisc	220	6	15	19	5½	11	15½
(*220½)	240	0½	7	10½	20	23	27½

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
BAA	500	25	35½	44	15	20	25½
(*511½)	550	5	14½	22	47	50	54
Thames W	650	40½	53½	59½	26½	33	41
(*677)	700	21	30	37	57	61½	69
Series		**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
BTR	240	13½	22½	26½	2½	7½	11
(*251½)	260	2½	11½	16	11½	16	21
Br Aero	1300	45½	101	114	15½	38½	53½
(*1324½)	1350	20	82	87	41	62	70½
Br Telecm	420	30	40½	43	1	15	18
(*447½)	460	5½	18	21½	16	37	39
Cadbury	500	22½	39	45½	4	14	19
(*517)	550	2	15½	23½	34	41	45½
Guinness	500	16½	34½	44	5½	14	18
(*512½)	550	1½	12	21	38	42½	46
GEC	360	14	22½	28½	4	15	19½
(*368½)	390	2	9	15½	22	34	37
Hanson	280	20	30	34	2	8½	12½
(*297)	300	7	18½	23	9	17	22
LASMO	220	13	21	27	4	9½	11½
(*225½)	240	3½	11½	17	14½	19½	21½
LucasVarity	180	7½	13	16½	4	9	12
(*183½)	200	1	5	8½	17	21½	24
Pilkingtn	110	5½	9½	—	2	7	—
(*113)	120	1½	5	—	8	13½	—
Prudential	550	42	59	69½	2	11½	20
(*589)	600	11½	29½	41	20	32	41½
Redland	330	26	29½	38	4½	13½	19
(*354)	360	6½	15	24	22	30	35
R-Royce	240	10½	20½	25½	5½	11½	15
(*245)	260	2½	11	16½	17½	22	25
Tesco	360	10	22½	29	7	14	19½
(*363)	390	1	9½	16	27½	32	36
Williams	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	360	—	—	—	—	—	—

FTSE INDEX (*4384)

	4250	4300	4350	4400	4450	4500
Calls						
May	*164½*	*121½*	*82½*	*53*	*30*	*15*
Jun	200	161	127	97½	72½	50½
Jul	231	191	159½	128½	100½	79
Aug	243½	209½	178	146½	121	97½
Dec	—	301½	—	237	—	185
Puts						
May	15	23½	36½	57½	86	123
Jun	44	57	73½	94	119½	148
Jul	62½	74½	92½	111½	135	163
Aug	77½	93½	112	131	156	183
Dec	—	139½	—	174½	—	223

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Abby Nat	800	55	72½	88½	21	37	44
(*827½)	850	29½	47½	63	46	62	69
Amstrad	140	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	160	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barclays	1100	63	94½	105½	36½	56½	67½
(*1113)	1150	39	69½	83½	63	82½	92½
Natl Pwr	500	45½	49½	52½	20½	24½	30
(*530)	550	19½	24	28	49	52½	57½
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**
Glaxo W	1150	57	76½	102½	37	58½	67½
(*1158)	1200	34	53½	76½	64½	86	94
HSBC	1500	123½	153	186	32½	56	72
(*1575)	1600	65	98½	133½	75	101½	118½
Reuter	600	48	61	76½	15½	24	31
(*624½)	650	22½	36	51	39½	48½	55½
Royal & Sun	460	27	39	47	15½	25	30½
(*466)	500	10½	21	29½	39	47	52½
Series		**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
Blue Circ	390	31½	43½	50	1½	7½	13½
(*419)	420	10	25½	32½	10	19	26
Series		**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
Kingfishr	650	24	45½	56	7½	20½	29½
(*664)	700	3½	22	32	37½	47½	55
Series		**Jun**			**Jun**		
Br Gas	220	18½	—	—	6½	—	—
(*237½)	240	5½	—	—	17½	—	—
Series		**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**
Dixons	460	46½	55½	65	5½	15½	20
(*498½)	500	20½	31½	42½	19	32½	36½
EMI Group	1200	58	88½	103½	27½	56	69½
(*1219)	1250	34	63½	95½	53½	82	95½
Tarmac	120	7½	12	13½	4	6½	9
(*123)	130	3	7	9	9½	12	14½
Hillsdwn	180	5½	8	—	9	10½	—
(*183½)	200	1	2½	—	26½	26½	—
Lonrho	130	10½	13½	17	2	5½	7
(*136½)	140	5	8½	12	6½	10½	12
Sears	90	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	100	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thorn EMI	1500	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	1600	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tomkins	260	15	20½	23½	5½	13½	15
(*267)	280	5½	10½	14½	16	24½	26½
Lloyds TSB	550	35	48½	63	11½	21½	31
(*570)	600	11	25	39	34	47½	57½
Scot Pwr	360	23½	31	34½	9	17½	20
(*374½)	390	8	16	20	23½	34	36½
Unilever	1600	50	97½	122½	25	40½	53
(*1622½)	1700	17	49½	71½	83½	95	104½

April 28, 1997 Tot: 24301 Call: 15058 Put: 9243 FTSE Call: 4959 Put: 2407

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 169539	Jun 97 Sep 97	108-24	109-07	108-23	109-02 108-28	38150 0
German Govt Bond (Bund) Previous open interest: 290818	Jun 97 Sep 97	100.53 99.47	100.54 99.47	100.29 99.26	100.41 99.36	90483 1390
Italian Govt Bond (BTP) Previous open interest: 110536	Jun 97 *Sep 97*	126.21 *126.65*	126.91 *127.03*	126.03 *126.70*	126.70 *126.97*	54880 *524*
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Jun 97 Sep 97	125.35 124.21	125.48 124.21	125.35 124.15	125.38 124.12	1356 176
Three Mth Sterling Previous open interest: 466368	Jun 97 Sep 97 Dec 97	93.33 93.06 92.83	93.36 93.08 92.86	93.32 93.03 92.79	93.33 93.06 92.84	11492 8368 8033
Three Mth Euromark Previous open interest: 1351395	Jun 97 Sep 97	96.75 96.69	96.75 96.69	96.74 96.67	96.74 96.67	7752 13546
Three Mth Eurolira Previous open interest: 319705	Jun 97 Sep 97	93.03 93.29	93.09 93.35	93.01 93.26	93.07 93.34	20917 12424
Three Mth Euroyen	Sep 97 Dec 97	 99.98	 99.98	 99.98	99.18 99.98	0 500
Three Mth Euroswiss Previous open interest: 123794	Jun 97 Sep 97	98.18 98.11	98.20 98.15	98.14 98.06	98.18 98.14	6073 8834
Three Mth ECU Previous open interest: 32588	Jun 97 Sep 97	95.73 95.73	95.77 95.76	95.73 95.73	95.77 95.76	727 116
FTSE 100 Previous open interest: 62904	Jun 97 Sep 97	4384.0	4420.0	4379.0	4405.0 4433.0	7086 0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5⅞ Low 5½ Week fixed: 6
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6⅛; 3 mth 6⅛. Sell: 2 mth 6; 3 mth: 6⅛.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6⅛-6⅛	6¼-6⅛	6⅜-6¼	6⅜-6½	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅛-6	6¼-6⅛	6⅜-6¼	6⅝-6½	7⅛-7
Interbank:	6⅛-6⅛	6¼-6⅛	6⅜-6¼	6⅝-6½	7⅛-7

Overnight: open 5⅞ close 6⅛.

Local Authority Deps:	6⅛	n/a	6⅜	6⅝	6⅞
Sterling CDs:	6⅛-6	6¼-6⅛	6⅜-6¼	6⅝-6½	6⅞-6⅞
Dollar CDs:	5.58	n/a	5.70	5.98	6.35
Building Society CDs:	6⅛-6⅛	6¼-6⅛	6⅜-6⅛	6⅝-6½	7-6⅞

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5½-5⅜	5⁹⁄₁₆-5⁷⁄₁₆	5⅝-5½	6⅛-5⅞	5½-4½
Deutschemark:	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3½-2½
French Franc:	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅜-3⅛	3⅜-3⅜	3½-2¾
Swiss Franc:	1⅝-1½	1⅝-1½	1⅝-1½	1⅝-1½	2½-1½
Yen:	½-⅜	½-⅜	⅝-½	⅝-½	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $341.60-341.90 **Close:** $339.80-340.30 **High:** $341.40-341.90 **Low:** $338.00-338.50 **AM:** $341.25 **PM:** $340.20

Krugerrand: $349.00-341.00 (£209.00-211.00)

Platinum: $375.00 (£232.51) Silver: $4.67 (£2.875) Palladium: $157.75 (£97.40)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for April 28	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.1541-3.1683	3.1541-3.1573	¼-⅛pr	2¼-2⅛pr
Brussels	57.843-58.120	57.843-57.904	17-12pr	49-42pr
Copenhagen	10.672-10.721	10.674-10.683	⅛-⅛pr	⅛-⅛pr
Dublin	1.0510-1.0555	1.0522-1.0541	6-1pr	19-13pr
Frankfurt	2.8029-2.8158	2.8029-2.8051	½-⅛pr	½-⅛pr
Lisbon	280.95-282.45	281.03-281.25	15-1pr	⅛-⅛pr
Madrid	236.30-237.35	236.30-236.55	17-6pr	63-45pr
Milan	2782.4-2794.3	2782.4-2784.9	13-29ds	31-54ds
Montreal	2.2684-2.2723	2.2694-2.2715	0.59-0.53pr	1.21-1.12pr
New York	1.6224-1.6244	1.6230-1.6238	0.085-0.065pr	0.263-0.232pr
Oslo	11.486-11.528	11.486-11.500	⅛-⅛pr	⅛-⅛pr
Paris	9.4510-9.4960	9.4524-9.4598	2¼-2⅛pr	7⅛-6⅛pr
Stockholm	12.616-12.662	12.616-12.635	⅛-⅛pr	⅛-⅛pr
Tokyo	205.17-205.91	205.35-205.60	1⅛-1pr	3⅛-3pr
Vienna	19.726-19.823	19.726-19.742	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Zurich	2.3650-2.3959	2.3850-2.3875	⅛-⅛pr	2⅛-2⅛pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2809-1.2817
Austria	12.16-12.17
Belgium (Com)	35.66-35.70
Canada	1.3991-1.3996
Denmark	6.5814-6.5834
France	5.8267-5.8277
Germany	1.7285-1.7290
Hong Kong	7.7472-7.7482
Ireland	1.5411-1.5461
Italy	1716.40-1716.60
Japan	126.55-126.60
Malaysia	2.5044-2.5104
Netherlands	1.9447-1.9452
Norway	7.0812-7.0885
Portugal	173.25-173.30
Singapore	1.4449-1.4454
Spain	145.66-145.74
Sweden	7.7812-7.7887
Switzerland	1.4710-1.4720

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6232-1.6259
Australia dollar	2.0802-2.0828
Bahrain dinar	0.6055-0.6175
Brazil real*	1.7184-1.7228
China yuan	13.295-13.595
Cyprus pound	0.8320-0.8420
Finland markka	8.3900-8.5060
Greece drachma	442.75-449.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.5784-12.5877
India rupee	57.53-58.49
Indonesia rupiah	3909.0-3977.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4890-0.4990
Malaysia ringgit	4.0738-4.0771
New Zealand dollar	2.3351-2.3392
Pakistan rupee	64.75 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8450-5.9690
Singapore dollar	2.3452-2.3471
S Africa rand (com)	7.1670-7.2040
U A E dirham	5.8950-6.0190

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	421	Land Secs	646
ASDA Gp	10,100	Legal & Gn	4,200
Abbey Ntl	2,200	Lloyds TSB	8,100
Allied Dom	774	LucasVarity	8,900
AB Foods	738	Marks Spr	2,700
BAA	3,000	Mercury Asset	357
BAT Inds	4,600	NatWst Bk	4,900
BG	8,800	Nat Grid	4,000
BOC	304	Nat Power	4,100
BP	4,100	Next	2,400
BSkyB	1,500	Orange	1,400
BTR	7,400	P & O	2,000
BT	8,600	Pearson	1,200
Bk of Scot	4,200	PowerGen	2,300
Barclays	3,700	Prudential	3,000
Bass	1,200	RMC	1,100
Blue Circle	3,600	RTZ	1,900
Boots	954	Railtrack	1,600
BAe	1,900	Rank Group	694
BA	1,700	Reckitt Col	777
British Land	449	Reed Intl	797
Brit Steel	2,300	Rentokil Inl	2,200
Burmah Cstl	363	Reuters	3,100
Burton	2,300	Rolls Royce	2,500
Cable Wire	2,600	Royal & Sun	1,400
Cadbury	1,600	Royal Bk Sct	3,500
Carlton Cms	1,400	Safeway	1,500
Centrica	15,900	Sainsbury	1,500
Cm Union	1,500	Schroders	79
Dixons	1,900	Scot & New	1,400
EMI	440	Scot Power	1,400
Energy Gp	1,500	Svrn Trent	1,500
Enterpr Oil	1,900	*Shell Trans*	2,500
GKN	1,500	Siebe	1,800
GRE	3,100	SmKl Bch	2,500
GUS	1,600	Smith Nph	1,000
Gen Acc	3,100	Smiths Inds	492
Gen Elec	3,700	Std Chartd	1,000
Glaxo Well	2,600	TI Gp	1,900
Granada	1,100	Tate & Lyle	400
Grand Met	2,200	Tesco	1,600
Guinness	2,800	Thames W	1,600
HSBC	2,000	Tomkins	3,200
Hanson	2,100	Unilever	1,200
Hays	760	Utd Utilities	1,800
ICI	1,500	Utd News	670
Imp Tob	995	Vodafone	5,800
Kingfisher	916	Whitbread	491
LASMO	16,400	Wolseley	466
Ladbroke	1,600	Zeneca	946

WALL STREET

	Apr 28 midday	Apr 25 close
AMP Inc	35¾	35½
AMR Corp	89½	88½
AT & T	31½	31½
Abbott Labs	59	58½
Advanced Micro	41	40½
Aetna Life	93½	94
Ahmanson (HF)	35½	35
Air Prod & Chem	68½	68½
AirTouch Comm	24½	23½
Albertson's	32	32½
Alcan Alumnm	32½	32½
Allied Signal	70½	71½
Alum Co of Am	69	69
Amerada Hess	47½	48
Amer Brands	52½	52½
Amer El Power	39½	39½
Amer Express	62½	61½
Amer Genl Corp	40½	40½
Amer Home Pr	64	63½
Amer Intl	119	119½
Amer Stores	44½	44½
Amer Standard	41½	41½
Ameritech	59	58½
Amoco	81	81½
Andrew Corp	25	24½
Anheuser-Busch	40½	41½
Apple Computer	17½	17½
Archer Daniels	19½	18½
Armco	3½	3½
Armstrng Wrld	63½	63
Asarco	28	28½
Atl Richfield	133½	133½
Auto Data Pro	43½	42½
Avery Dennison	36½	35½
Avon Products	58½	59½
Baker Hughes	33½	34½
Baltimr Gas & El	24½	25
Banc One	40½	40½
BankAmerica	108½	107½
Bank of NY	36½	35½
Bankers Tr NY	78½	77
Barnett Banks	45½	45½
Bausch & Lomb	39½	38
Baxter Intl	46½	46½
Becton Dicknsn	44½	44½
Bell Atlantic	64½	63½
Bell Industries	16½	16½
BellSouth	43½	42½
Black & Decker	32½	32½
Block (H&R)	30½	30½
Boeing	96	102
Boise Cascade	32½	32½
Boston Scien	43	43
Bristol Myrs Sq	61½	61½
Browning Ferris	26½	26½
Brunswick	26½	26½
Burlington Nthn	76½	77½
CMS Energy Corp	31½	31½
CNA Financial	97	97
CPC Intl	81½	81½
CSX	45	45
Campbell Soup	47½	47½
Can Pacific	23½	22½
Carolina Pwr	33½	33
Case Corp	54½	54½
Caterpillar	87½	87½
Central & SW	18½	18½
Champion Intl	45½	45½
Chase Manhat	86½	85½
Chevron Corp	65½	65½
Chrysler	29	29½
Chubb Corp	55	54½
Cigna Corp	143½	144½
Citicorp	104	104
Clorox	122½	122½
Coastal Corp	45½	46
Coca Cola	59½	59½
Coca Cola Ent	57½	58½
Colgate-Palm	107½	106½
Columbia Gas	61	61½
Columbia/HCA	33½	34½
Compaq Comp	78½	74½
Comp Ass Intl	47	46½
Conagra	56½	56½
Conrail	113½	113½
Cons Edison	27½	27½
Cons Nat Gas	48½	48½
Cooper Inds	44½	44½
Corestates	48½	49½
Corning Inc	46½	46
Crown Cork	54	54½
Dana Corp	31½	31½
Dayton Hudson	40½	40½
Deere	45	45½
Delta Air Lines	89½	90½
Deluxe Corp	29½	29½
Digital Equip	28½	28½
Dillard Dept St	30	30½
Disney (Walt)	77½	77½
Dominion Res	33½	33½
Donnelley (RR)	32½	32½
Dover Corp	52½	52½
Dow Chemical	81½	80½
Dow Jones	40	39½
Dresser	28½	29½
Duke Power	42	42
Dun & Brdstreet	24	24
Du Pont	102½	103½
Eastman Chem	51½	51½
Eastman Kodak	79½	79½

	Apr 28 midday	Apr 25 close
Eaton Corp	73½	74
Edison Intl	20½	20½
Elect Data Sys	32	32½
Emerson Elec	49½	48½
Engelhard Corp	20	21
Enron Corp	37	36½
Entergy	23	23½
Ethyl Corp	9	9
Exxon	53½	52½
FMC Corp	64½	64½
FPL Group	43	43½
Federal Express	52	51½
First Bk Sys	72½	71½
First Union Rlty	13½	13½
Fleet Finl Grp	58½	58½
Fluor Corp	52½	52½
Ford Motor	34½	34½
GTE Corp	44½	44½
Gannett	84½	84
Gap Inc Del	30½	30
Gencorp	19	18½
Gen Dynamics	69½	70½
Gen Electric	106½	106½
Gen Mills	58½	59
Gen Motors	55½	54½
Gen Reinsurance	161½	161½
Gen Signal	36½	36½
Genuine Parts	31½	31½
Georgia Pac	76	76½
Gillette	79	79½
Glaxo Wellc ADR	37½	37½
Goodrich (BF)	38½	38½
Goodyear Tire	51½	51½
Gt Atl Pac Tea	24½	24
Gt Wstn Fin	39	39
Halliburton	69½	70½
Harcourt General	44½	44½
Heinz (HJ)	40½	40½
Hercules	38½	38½
Hershey Foods	53	53½
Hewlett Packard	49½	49½
Hilton Hotels	25½	26
Home Depot	56½	56½
Homestake Mng	12½	13½
Honeywell	66½	68
Household Intl	82½	81½
Houston Inds	19½	19½
Humana	20½	20½
ITT Corp	57½	58
Ikon Office	23½	23½
Illinois Tool	80½	80½
Illinova	21½	20½
INCO	30½	31
Ingersoll Rand	47½	48½
Inland Steel	22½	22
Intel Corp	143½	143½
IBM	150	150½
Intl Flv & Fr	41	40½
Intl Paper	41½	41½
James River Va	26½	26½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	58½	58½
Kellogg	66½	66½
Kerr-McGee	60½	60½
Kimberly-Clark	99	99½
Kmart	13½	13½
Knight-Ridder	37½	37½
Lilly (Eli)	83½	84½
Limited Inc	17½	17½
Lincoln Nat	52½	51½
Litton	42½	42½
Liz Claiborne	44½	45½
Lockheed Martin	87½	87½
Louisiana Pac	18½	18½
MCI Comm	37½	37½
Manpower Inc	36½	36½
Marriott Intl	52½	52½
Marsh & McLnn	114½	114½
Masco Corp	36½	36½
May Dept St	44½	45½
Maytag Corp	22½	22½
McDonalds	51½	51½
McDonnell D	56½	56½
McGraw Hill	51½	51½
Mead Corp	54½	54½
Medtronic	65½	64½
Mellon Bk	77½	77½
Merck Inc	87½	87½
Merrill Lynch	97½	96½
Microsoft	112½	113½
Minnesota Mine	84½	85½
Mobil Corp	123½	124
Monsanto	39½	39½
Morgan (JP)	96½	95½
Motorola Inc	54½	55½
Natl Semi	22½	22½
Natl Service Ind	41½	41½
Navistar Intl	10	9½
NY Times A	42½	42
Newmont Mng	34½	35½
Niag Mohawk	8½	8½
Nike B	53½	56½
NL Industries	9½	9½
Noram Energy	14½	14½
Nordstrom	38½	38½
Norfolk Sthrn	90½	90½
Nthn State Pwr	45	44½
Norwest Corp	47½	46½
Nynex Corp	49½	49½
Occidental Pet	22½	22
Ohio Edison	19½	19½

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Oracle	37½	37½
Oryx Energy Co	19½	20
Owens Corning	39½	39½
PHH Corp	44½	45½
PPG Industries	52½	55
PNC Bank	39	38½
PP&L Res	19½	19½
Paccar Inc	72½	72
Pacificorp	19½	19½
Pac Enterprises	29½	30
Pall Corp	22½	22½
Parker Hannifin	49½	48½
Peco Energy	19½	19½
Penney (JC)	45½	45½
Pennzoil	47½	47½
Pepsico	31½	32
Pfizer	92½	92½
Pharm & Upjhn	27½	29½
Phelps Dodge	75½	75
Philip Morris	38½	39½
Phillips Pet	38½	38½
Pitney Bowes	60½	59½
Polaroid	44½	44½
Procter & Gmbl	120½	121½
Providian	55	54½
Pub Serv E & G	23½	23½
Quaker Oats	38½	39
Ralston Purina	80	80
Raychem Corp	63½	63½
Raytheon	41½	43
Reebok Intl	37½	38½
Reynolds Metals	66	66½
Rockwell Intl	65½	65½
Rohm & Haas	76½	75½
Royal Dutch	176½	176½
Rubbermaid	24½	24½
SBC Comms	52	52½
Safeco Corp	39½	39½
St Paul's Cos	65½	65
Salomon Inc	49½	49½
Sara Lee Corp	40½	40½
Schering Plough	76½	76½
Schlumberger	107½	110½
Seagram	37½	37½
Sears Roebuck	46½	46½
Shell Trans	103½	104½
Sherwin Wilms	29½	29
Skyline Corp	21½	21½
Snap-On-Tools	36½	37½
Southern Co	20½	20½
Sprint Corp	42½	43
Stanley Works	38	38½
Sun Company	26½	26½
Sun Microsys	27½	27½
Suntrust	47½	47½
Supervalu	29½	29½
Sysco Corp	34½	34½
TRW Inc	50½	50½
TCC Inds	2	2
TIG Hldgs	26½	27½
Tandem Comp	12½	12½
Tandy Corp	50½	50½
Temple Inland	54½	54½
Tenneco	38½	38½
Texaco	102½	102½
Texas Inst	82	81½
Texas Utilities	32	31½
Textron	107½	107
Thermo Elect	32½	32½
Time Warner	44½	44½
Times-Mirror A	55	55
Timken	57½	56½
Torchmark	58½	58½
Toys R Us	27½	27½
Transamerica	80	80½
Travelers	49½	48½
Tribune	43	43
Tyco Intl	58½	59
UST Inc	25½	26½
UAL	74½	73½
US Inds	35½	35½
US West Comm	33½	33½
US West Media	16½	16½
USAirways Group	30½	29½
USX Marathon	25½	26
Unicom	21½	20½
Unilever NV	192	191½
Union Camp	48½	48
Union Carbide	47½	47½
Union Pacific	61	60½
Unisys Corp	6	6
USF&G Corp	18½	18½
US Life	46½	46½
United Tech	74½	74½
Unocal Corp	37½	37½
VF Corp	69½	70
WMX Tech	28½	28½
Wal-Mart Stores	27½	27½
Warner-Lambert	94½	94½
Wells Fargo	252½	252
Westinghouse □	16½	17½
Weyerhaeuser	45½	45½
Whirlpool	46½	45½
Whitman	23½	23½
Winn Dixie	33½	33½
Woolworth	19½	19½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	56½	56½
Xerox	58½	58½
Zenith Elect	10½	10½

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Why voting Labour could be best way to halt an undemocratic bankers' Europe

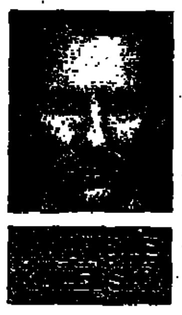
How should you vote if you want to reduce the chances of a single European currency replacing the pound?

Assuming you do not live in a constituency which is winnable by the Referendum Party, the choice seems quite clear. *The Times* yesterday published a long list of parliamentary candidates unequivocally opposed to the single currency — and the great majority of these were Tories.

The obvious answer is to vote Tory, especially after John Major's sudden decision to offer his party a free vote. But often the obvious is wrong. Anyone who sincerely wants to preserve Britain's economic sovereignty and its democratic system of government, and who values these rights above tribal party loyalties, should vote Labour.

I touched on the negative reasons for such a judgment in the Economic View the Friday before last. I argued then that Mr Major's promise of a free vote had made it *more* likely than before that a Tory government would lead Britain into EMU, since the Prime Minister would be able to rely on cross-party support for European policy, as Ted Heath had done in 1972. Let me now suggest a more important and encouraging reason why a Labour government might be more successful than the Tories in preserving Britain's economic independence — not just in the next parliament, but also in the longer run.

There are two critical points. First, that keeping Britain out is only a second-best response to the challenge of EMU. A far better solution would be to prevent Europe going ahead at all with a single currency, at least under anything like the undemocratic structure agreed at Maastricht. Until recently any hope of persuading the rest of Europe to abandon the Maastricht process seemed utterly forlorn, which is why Eurosceptics (myself included) have therefore concentrated on the second-best solution of keeping Britain out. We have known all along that any such reprieve was likely to be only temporary. If the single currency survived the initial uncertainties and crises, then Britain would almost certainly join the European superstate after 2002, under pressure from



the business community and the City, whether the Tories or Labour were in power.

In the past few weeks, however, unexpected political developments have given hope of a last-minute reprieve from the whole single currency disaster. The debate over EMU within Europe has been transformed — and has raised the possibility that a strong and united British government could exert a decisive influence on Europe for the first time since 1985-86, when Margaret Thatcher created the harmonised single market.

The second point to grasp is that the tide of European politics has reversed direction since the 1980s. The only people in Europe who can now stop a single currency are the leaders and voters of the social democratic Left. The parties of the Right in Europe have all fallen under the complete domination of Helmut Kohl and the German CDU. The European Left, by contrast, has suddenly begun to understand the social costs and to question the political legitimacy of the "bankers' Europe" decreed at Maastricht.

This is most obvious in France, where the Socialists are moving on to an overtly anti-EMU platform in their election campaign. Lionel Jospin, the Socialist leader, declared yesterday that "we should not enter the single currency without conditions", all of which he knew to be totally unacceptable to the German Government and the Bundesbank. In Italy a similar process may soon be under way. Even in Germany the Left is poised on a knife-edge. A breakthrough for a reinvented Labour Party in Britain might be sufficient to inspire the SPD to abandon its tired, traditionalist pro-EMU leadership and re-invent itself *à la* new Labour under the more electable and Eurosceptic Gerhardt Schroder.

In sum, a victorious Labour government — especially one led by an attractive, potentially even glamorous, young leader like Tony Blair — could create a new dynamic on the Left in Europe. It could give voters of the Left the confidence that the Right *can* be defeated and politicians the hope that a new kind of left-wing politics can be reinvented by abandoning the dogmas of the past. Does Mr Blair understand the role he could play in creating a dynamic, democratic "people's Europe" instead of the depressed, bureaucratic "bankers' Europe" of Maastricht? Perhaps not. But at least, under Labour, the opportunity will be there for a British Prime Minister to grasp.

'Good guys' spread the net in non-stop war on dirty money

Ian Brodie looks at efforts to put wrinkles on the ever-inventive face of international laundering

John Moscow, the senior assistant district attorney in Manhattan better known for his work on the global investigation of the collapsed BCCI (Bank of Credit and Commerce International), will address a London symposium today on the global implications of US fraud and money-laundering laws and how they impact on City banks and money houses.

A fellow speaker will be Rowan Bosworth-Davies, a former detective with the Metropolitan Police company fraud squad and now with Titmuss Sainer Dechert, the law firm hosting the symposium. He will tell delegates: "Any person who seeks to do business which involves the transfer of US dollars anywhere ... must be aware of the draconian implications of American legislation for them and their employers."

Mr Bosworth-Davies points outs that 60 per cent of the world's trade is conducted in US dollars and 99 per cent of those transactions, worth approximately $3.5 trillion, clear through the New York bank-clearing system on any given day. Therefore that money, and those who transmit or receive it, falls under not just US Federal law but New York County law as well.

Just how quickly the US authorities can react on the international stage is illustrated by a recent case. A simple computer screen shows that a Nigerian woman suspected of working for a drugs ring deposited $50,000 in a Dutch bank. A couple of clicks reveal a network of payments that she made and received. A few more clicks go deeper, uncovering remote links between her and a web of company and individual accounts that had otherwise seemed unrelated and had gone unnoticed.

In a matter of seconds, suspicious bank investigators have followed threads to dubious transactions that would previously have taken them days to untangle. The software, Syfact, is a new wrinkle in the changing face of money laundering. The makers claim it is the most sophisticated means of fraud protection.

The system was developed by Inter Access Risk Management of Hilversum and has been installed in the last year by four leading Dutch banks. It is also in use in the Dutch Caribbean island of Aruba, a major money-laundering centre, and in Cyprus, a favourite trans-shipment point for the Russian Mafia's illegal profits. Several British banks are interested in Syfact.

Syfact may give the "good guys" an edge over the "bad guys", but experience shows that money launderers soon devise ways to counter the latest threat to their fortunes. Money laundering, the process by which drug revenues and other illicit profits are made to appear licit, is limited only by the imaginations of the launderers. Some £2 billion a year thought to be laundered through Britain where financial firms are obliged by law to take steps to prevent it, and face substantial penalties if they look the other way.

Typically, money laundering is a three-step process: placement: initial entry of illegal funds into the stream of commerce; layering: transactions calculated to conceal the funds' true source; and integration: injection of the money back into the economy in its disguised, seemingly legitimate form. Once laundered, it is as hard to distinguish as a needle in a stack of needles.

Drug cartels receive the most attention, but money laundering extends to a variety of organised and white-collar crimes, according to a new study by Michael Zeldin, former chief investigator for money laundering at the US Justice Department. He is now managing director in Washington for Defence Strategies International, specialists in safeguarding corporate clients against crime. He says the proceeds from dirty money support arms smuggling, insurance and bank fraud, counterfeiting, grey market sales and international terrorism.

When President Clinton issued orders blocking assets and prohibiting transactions with narcotics traffickers, his list included car dealerships, chains of chemists' shops, pharmaceutical manufacturers, chemical companies and import-export firms — all alleged fronts for washing Colombian cartels' drugs profits.

Sharon Stone in *Casino*. Gambling is a much-favoured conduit for laundering

Mr Clinton himself might have been stung by laundered funds. The FBI is investigating China's role in funnelling money through Asian donors into his re-election campaign. Close to $3 million is being returned as questionable.

Ingenious laundering schemes have been uncovered in Britain: bearer bonds paid for in cash with false names; casino chips bought for cash and turned in at the end of the evening for a cheque attributable to winnings; life insurance policies bought with cash and surrendered for a refund cheque; and fake invoices paid to shell companies overseas.

American investigators have just nailed a racket that used wire transfers, one of the oldest money-laundering devices. Cartels were sending $1.3 billion a year back to Colombia through money remittance shops in New York catering to immigrants. The torrent of cash indicated that immigrants must be wiring home the equivalent of their entire annual wages.

Then the US Treasury changed its rules and required remittance shops to report all transactions over $750, rather than $10,000. The low ceiling forced cartels to return to smuggling bulk shipments of cash in coffins, bowling balls and other crude hiding places. Customs agents were waiting — in three months they seized $30 million.

Concerns are rising about laundering online. The Financial Action Task Force, a group of 26 countries meeting in Paris, has given warning that the "speed, security and anonymity" of digital cash payments over the Internet could thwart techniques for tracking tainted money.

E-money payments are made over systems that allow customers to store funds on their hard drives or on computer chip cards and to transfer them electronically to merchants, banks, or indeed anyone around the world under the cloak of encryption.

The systems are still experimental. Launderers face the problem of entry and exit "choke points". How do they load a large amount of dodgy money into e-money accounts undetected and cash it out into real money at the other end?

Mondex International, a London company that franchises its e-money computer card technology to banks and corporations, takes the threat of infiltration by money launderers extremely seriously.

Most banks transferring cash into digital money limit the amounts to no more than £300. That means a criminal would need hundreds of cards to launder a substantial sum. Ordinary cash might be simpler after all.

The Glasgow law firm of Semple Fraser has posted an Internet warning to British firms to be on the alert for money launderers to avoid the risk of heavy penalties . The laws compel companies to take preventive measures.

There are five money-laundering offences in Britain: concealment of funds derived from criminal conduct; acquisition of such funds; assistance in retaining or controlling the funds; failure to disclose a suspicion of money laundering; and tipping off a suspect about a police investigation into money laundering.

Lawyers, accountants and others handling transactions for third parties are encouraged to know their clients. They need to look out for money arriving from unexpected sources and be wary of anyone who is secretive about his or her identity or background. They must develop a sense of detecting anything that does not feel right.

As Semple Fraser puts it: "Those who choose to turn a blind eye to the legislation will assuredly risk an unwelcome and heavy penalty."

BUSINESS LETTERS

EBRD director rejects reports of lobbying by a Belgian faction

From the Director for Belgium, Luxembourg and Slovenia, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Sir, As the official representative of Belgium in the board of directors of the EBRD, I would like to protest strongly against the allegations in your paper (Business News, April 8, April 9 and April 11) pertaining to a so-called Belgian faction within the EBRD, lobbying against the possibility of an American candidate succeeding Ron Freeman as the EBRD's first vice-president.

In a statement to Reuters on April 8, I stressed that Belgium was fully supporting the process set up by Jacques de Larosière, EBRD president, to select and recommend to the board of directors a first-rate banker with a profile as close as possible to that of Mr Freeman, who made a decisive contribution to the EBRD's successful development over the last six years.

I should also like to emphasise that a number of Belgians of outstanding calibre work within the bank and Belgium is proud of them. I can assure you that they all have the highest respect for Mr de Larosière's management and trust him to find a successor worthy of Mr Freeman.

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD SNOY,
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development,
One Exchange Square,
London, EC2.

Speaking for the IoD membership

From the Director-General of the Institute of Directors

Sir, I don't mind criticism, but it would be more helpful if it was constructive (Pennington, April 24).

Pennington says that my outburst against Labour policy was hardly constructive. But he then goes on to say that our members may benefit from having a strong voice to speak on their behalf, particularly with an incoming Government.

Secondly, Pennington mocks my efforts to draw attention to the poor public perception of business and the values it adopts. But two thirds of the 2,500 people present at our annual convention agreed with me that it was a problem.

Perhaps Pennington should listen to them rather than to me.

Yours faithfully,
TIM MELVILLE-ROSS
(Director-General),
The Institute of Directors,
116 Pall Mall, SW1.

Saver seeks windfall reassurance

From Mr A. D. R. Holland

Sir, Having paid a windfall tax on a modest holding of bank shares, held for 40 years and levied by a Tory Government, it seems likely that an incoming Labour government will levy this populist form of tax on my utility shares, held since privatisation.

Having been a steady saver for about 40 years, it seems that I am about to receive a windfall on my long-term insurance policies. From reports in the financial press, it would seem the total windfall could amount to £20 billion, divided among as many as 20 million voters.

It would be reassuring if the main political parties would undertake not to tax these windfalls in the next parliament, except under taxes already in existence.

Will they give this unequivocal reassurance, or is there a hidden agenda?

ANTHONY HOLLAND,
Windlesham Manor,
Windlesham,
Surrey.

Clutching at straws in the quest for success

From Mr Kenneth Armitage

Sir, The fact that Tom Peters has consistently failed in his "attempts to build a consultancy business on the back of his success" ("Fading fame of a management 'guru'", April 10), only serves to prove the maxim that "those who can, do, and those who cannot, teach, or lecture".

The point about *In Search of Excellence* is, surely, that it was written at a time of recession, and when people are under pressure they will clutch at any straw that might make them feel that they are doing something to improve performance when, clearly, they have little or no control over external circumstances, and certainly not in the short term.

Further, the Japanese management model, based on quality service and quality products to meet the demands of customers, appears to keep rumbling along whilst we, in the Anglo-American model, have gone through delayering, downsizing, business process re-engineering (BPR), empowerment and outsourcing to name a few and have still not succeeded to the same degree.

Yours faithfully,
K. P. ARMITAGE,
6 Deben Valley Drive,
Kesgrave, Suffolk.

Filling in new tax return proves not so taxing

From Miss Delia Twamley

Sir, I started with some trepidation on my new tax return 1996-97 in view of the unfavourable publicity. I was surprised how easy it is to fill in — and I have not read the accompanying guide. I had to telephone my local people-friendly tax office with two minor questions, which were answered, as always, quickly and efficiently; but I was surprised to learn that, as yet, they did not have copies of the forms that have been sent out.

On a less happy note I then had occasion to telephone a department of my stockbroker with a question. I was told that they could not answer any questions then as the "system had crashed" over the weekend and they had "gone blind". I was advised by the helpful, but actually helpless, man to ring again, and this I fully intend to do.

Yours faithfully,
D.W.B. TWAMLEY,
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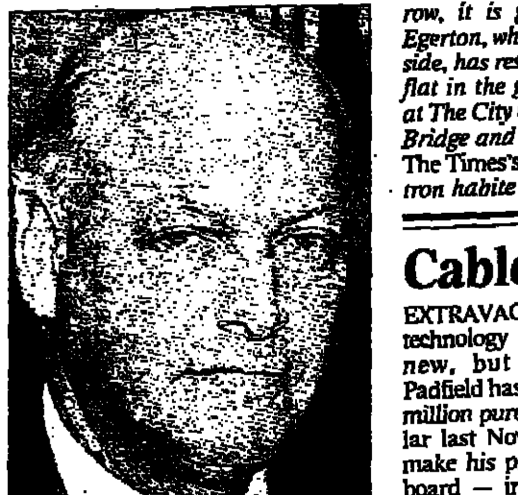
Oxford.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Double blow

THESE are trying times for Lord Hambro. Yesterday, his merchant bank was driven into issuing a grovelling apology to the Co-op over its role in the Lanica non-bid fiasco. But this ignominy can hardly have been more painful for the top Tory fundraiser than seeing Taylor Woodrow, where he is a non-executive director, putting up cash for the Labour Party.

The latest Taylor Woodrow report admits to a £5,000 political donation to sponsor a "Planning for Prosperity" conference, a platform for new Labour speechifying. The company still gave its customary £25,000 to the Conservatives but was clearly keen to make a gesture of goodwill to the other side. Lord Hambro will be saved the difficulties of convincing the board to keep up the Tory donation next year: he is standing down from Taylor Woodrow's board at the annual meeting in June.



Lord Hambro saw his bank having to issue an apology

● *ON the subject of Taylor Woodrow, it is good to see that Keith Egerton, who runs the housebuilding side, has reserved himself a £165,000 flat in the group's new development at The City Quay, overlooking Tower Bridge and but a stone's throw from* The Times's *offices. A case of "Le Patron habite ici."*

Cable guy

EXTRAVAGANT claims from biotechnology companies are nothing new, but Chiroscience's John Padfield has a corker. Before the $120 million purchase of Darwin Molecular last November, Padfield had to make his pitch to the Seattle firm's board — including Bill Gates and Paul Allen, the founders of Microsoft. The Chiroscience boss turned up with his presentation on a laptop computer — complete with slides based on the cover of Gates's book. But Padfield's heart was soon sinking when, with Gates and Allen looking over his shoulders, he could see no way of connecting the laptop to the office projector. Equally nonplussed, the software whizkids sent for a technician. He was not needed. Padfield realised the problem was easily solved by switching round the computer cables. "Gee," quipped Gates, "you must know more about computers than we do!"

Away victory

A CLUE to Robin Launders's commitment to his job as chief executive of Leeds United, which he left yesterday, came last week when he and Mark Corbidge, chief executive of Newcastle United, were both due to address a conference on Football and Finance. They found themselves on the same train down from the North which stopped at Peterborough and would not go on because of bomb scares. Corbidge manfully hailed a taxi and said he would fight his way into London while Launders merely scuttled back to Leeds.

First to go

RUMOURS abound that all is not sweetness at Queen Anne's Gate, the home of Hambro Magan which NatWest bought for £150 million last year. Odelle Griffiths, a managing director, has resigned and is leaving on Wednesday. She is the first senior Hambro person to go. Perhaps those golden handcuffs were just not strong enough.

Seoul warning

ANYONE else thinking of attacking Britain's suddenly beloved CWS might heed news from Seoul, where civic groups threaten a nationwide boycott of Coca-Cola over the Americans' treatment of Bum Yang Food, South Korea's main Coke bottler. Bum Yang has roused the nation's ire by claiming that Coca-Cola used new open competition rules to stop its 25-year contract and try to buy its assets at "extraordinarily" low prices in a "hostile takeover bid". Coke denies it is a bum deal.

Rank upset

OH DEAR, oh dear. My man on the taxi rank tells me of a small contretemps the other day between a large silver Mitsubishi Shogun and a London cab. The side-on collision caused considerable damage to the taxi whereas the Shogun appeared remarkably unscathed. Just as well really since it was a company vehicle about to be returned to its owner, one Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, by its former star employee, one Nicola Horlick. For the record it was the nanny who was at the wheel and not Nicola.

Nicola Horlick will be talking to her nanny after a collision

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Kalamazoo issues profit warning

By George Sivell

SHARES in Kalamazoo dived 22p to 77½p yesterday after the computer group said its results for the year to March 31 would not match current market forecasts and that two unnamed individuals had breached internal controls.

The company said an internal review had revealed certain breaches of internal control within the British business solutions division. In a statement to the Stock Exchange, Kalamazoo said: "The results reported by that division's management accounts do not reflect accurately its performance."

Kalamazoo said it had carried out a comprehensive review of the breaches, and that the two individuals responsible are no longer with the company. Kalamazoo said Deloitte & Touche, the auditor, was assisting with a review of the company's internal controls.

The company said the breaches, which took place mainly in the second half of the year, would result in profits before tax and exceptional franchise litigation costs being similar to the £5.9 million reported before tax for the year ended March 31, 1996. The previously announced litigation costs will remove a further £2 million from pre-tax profits, making £3.9 million for the year against previous market forecasts of £7 million. Kalamazoo made £6.8 million in the year to March 1995 and £6.3 million in the year to March 1994.

The company said the rest of its activities, particularly within the continental European computer division and the security print division, had performed in line with or ahead of expectations.

Kalamazoo said that it intended to declare a final dividend with the preliminary results, scheduled to be announced on June 26, which would be not less than the 1996 final dividend of 3.05p per share.

TONY WHITE

Rohan Courtney, chairman of West 175 Enterprises, the US-based television production company whose shares trade on the Alternative Investment Market. The company lost $172,263 in 1996 (1995: $337,198 profit). The shares, which fell from 130p after a profit warning, rose 2p to 77p yesterday

Aerostructures at heart of sluggish results from EIS

By Martin Barrow

THE troubled Aerostructures Hamble returned to haunt the City yesterday when EIS Group, the aerospace components company that rescued the business, disappointed investors with year-end profits well below expectations.

EIS shares fell 9 per cent, to 312½p, after the company reported pre-tax profits of £23.4 million for the year to the end of December, up from £20.3 million. But earnings were flat at 28.7p a share, against 28.5p.

In January the stock traded at 396p before rumours of trading problems began to circulate in the market. The results dismayed analysts, who cut current year forecasts to around £25 million from £26-£27 million.

At the heart of the sluggish performance is Aerostructures, which was acquired in September 1995 for £18.3 million, a discount of £50 million to the original stock market value of the business.

EIS said the condition of Aerostructures' contracts was more serious than envisaged, and the company has taken a further £5.2 million charge against goodwill. Management changes were made and major projects were renegotiated and managed back to schedule. But this was achieved at considerable cost, and effort had to be diverted into managing the Boeing 737-700 wing leading edge and the wing components contracts for the McDonnell Douglas MD80/90.

Group turnover improved to £476.7 million from £389.1 million, with a £27.7 million contribution from acquisitions. At the operating level profits rose to £29.6 million from £23.4 million. Four businesses were acquired in 1996: Aerocontracts, a distributor of aircraft parts; R.D. Taylor, a specialist chemicals distributor; Air-Log, a supplier of technology for suspension systems; and Techim, a French distributor of mass transfer plant and equipment.

EIS said the strength of sterling had a significant impact on the business, particularly in the final quarter, increasing competitive pressures and having an adverse impact on export margins.

Sir Norman Wooding, chairman, said some companies within the group had made a slow start to the current year, despite the continuing market resilience in Britain and America. Further reorganisation would continue to offset the adverse impact of currency changes and depressed European conditions.

There is a final dividend of 9.9p a share, making a total dividend of 13.5p (13.1p).

Enterprise and BP to swap assets

By Carl Mortished

ENTERPRISE OIL and BP have agreed to swap North Sea oil and gas assets worth £100 million in a deal that will give Enterprise control of the Pierce oilfield in exchange for interests in two gasfields.

Enterprise is giving up 24 per cent of the Amethyst gasfield and 13.5 per cent of Ravenspurn North for BP's 43 per cent share in Pierce, which last year produced 19,000 barrels per day under an extended well test. The asset swap involves the exchange of about 100 million barrels of oil equivalent for the two companies, but for Enterprise the attraction is to increase its exposure to crude oil.

A spokesman for Enterprise said the company was exchanging mature gas assets for new oilfields. Unlike BP, Enterprise is not in the UK gas chain and has less ability to add value to North Sea gas. The deal is subject to government and co-venturer consent and on completion will give Enterprise 74 per cent of Pierce and operatorship of the Central North Sea field.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

German cartel office investigates BICC

THE German cartel office has confirmed that BICC, the British cable company, Siemens, Alcatel and ABB Asea Brown Boveri are to be investigated for allegedly attempting to carve up the domestic cable market in Germany. The cartel office said that the investigation centres on KWU, the Siemens power generation unit, Kwo Kabel, a BICC subsidiary, Felten & Guilleaume Energietechnik, ABB Kabel und Draht, and two Alcatel subsidiaries. The cartel office said that the companies were cited in September in the context of an inquiry into having possibly agreed on carving up the market. The office declined to comment on the status of the investigation, which is still under way, or on whether, and by how much, the companies might be fined.

The cartel office said that results of the investigation are expected "soon", but declined to specify a date. The office was unable to confirm that the fines on the companies would be DM200 million, as expected by analysts in Germany.

WEW trims expectations

SHARES IN WEW, the discount store group, fell more than 13 per cent yesterday after it said that pre-tax profit in the second half will be "broadly neutral" after exceptional gains of £2 million. This means that full-year profits are likely to be in line with the £1.6 million reported in the first half. It said that trading at the old format stores remains difficult, while the four new concept stores — named "The Store" — are exceeding the board's expectations. The exceptional gains arise from the sale of property. The shares closed at 16½p, down 2½p.

United appointment

UNITED NEWS & MEDIA said yesterday it had appointed Gerry Wilton to become chief executive of Harlow Butler and Garban its broking companies. In addition to his previous responsibilities for the broking businesses in Europe and Asia he will now add the businesses in North and South America. Together these companies form the largest integrated money and securities broking group in the world, said United News & Media. Charles Gregson was formerly chairman and chief executive of the broking companies. He continues as chairman.

Lego builds up in UK

STRONG sales growth in Britain helped Lego, the Danish toy manufacturer, to increase its profits last year. The Lego Group's pre-tax profit rose from DKr676 million (£67 million) to DKr699 million. UK sales rose by 11 per cent because of new products and the impact of the opening of the Legoland theme park at Windsor, Berkshire. Kirk Kristiansen, president, said that the company had set itself a goal of being the strongest brand among families with children by 2005.

R-R's £25m Kenya deal

ROLLS-ROYCE's Allen Diesels has won a £25 million order to upgrade a power station in Kenya. As part of an order from Iberafrica Power, Allen Diesels is responsible for all mechanical and electrical engineering as well as supplying eight heavy fuel-burning engines from Japan, in one of Kenya's first diesel-powered independent power projects. Rolls-Royce said the new equipment is to provide much-needed electricity to industrial and domestic users in the Nairobi region.

Yamaichi focus on London

From a Correspondent in Tokyo

YAMAICHI, Japan's number four stockbroker, is to close three of its continental offices and make London the centre of its European operations.

Yesterday, Yamaichi declared a small pre-tax profit for the year to March 31 but suffered a net loss after bailing out a troubled financial affiliated company. Yamaichi posted parent company profits of 1.22 billion yen for the year to March 31, down 91.9 per cent. But a one-off loss of 150 billion yen suffered by a financial affiliate helped to push Yamaichi to a net loss of 164.76 billion yen (£800 million).

Ryuji Shirai, vice-president, said Yamaichi was conducting an in-house investigation after revelations by Nomura that two of its directors were involved in suspected illegal deals. Last month, Mr Shirai said that an internal investigation had not found any accounts linking the firm to racketeers. He also denied reports that Yamaichi had conducted illegal "tobashi" deals in which brokers seek to hide a client's investment losses by transferring them to another client's account.

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Self-employed ready to head off witch-hunt after election

By Rodney Hobson

GROWING concern over the status of self-employed people in the construction industry will be brought to the attention of Treasury ministers immediately after the general election.

Stephen Alambritis, spokesman for the Federation of Small Business, said: "We have already made representations before the election was called seeking assurances that there would not be a witch-hunt against the self-employed.

"We are waiting to see who is in the Treasury on May 2 so we can take up the cudgels again. We are calling for the right for people to declare that they are self-employed and it should be up to the Inland Revenue to contest that at the Revenue's expense."

At issue is a campaign by the Inland Revenue and the Contributions Agency to reclassify as employed up to 500,000 of the 750,000 holders of 714 certification. These government certificates, issued to workers in construction and related work, have previously been accepted as proof that holders are genuinely self-employed. They act as sub-contractors, receiving payments without tax or National Insurance deducted.

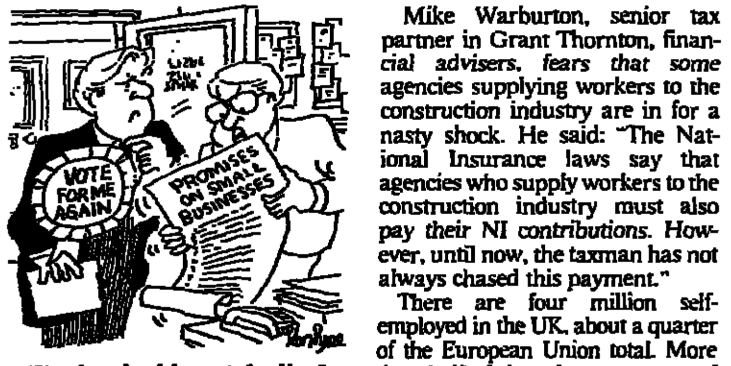
Taking workers into employment costs a company about 15 per cent on top of the wages bill. Given the continuing depressed state of the construction industry, workers are having to take pay cuts because employers cannot pass on the extra cost. Some of those affected claim that the Inland Revenue is effectively deciding when the rules will be enforced. The Revenue maintains that those who are genuinely self-employed have nothing to worry about. It offered an amnesty to companies that reclassified workers as employees, promising not to claim tax on previous years.

Barry Slasberg, who provides book-keeping and accountancy services to clients in the construction industry from his Northampton office, said: "For some 25 years, the Inland Revenue and the Contributions Agency have been practising the most flagrant, deliberate and inexcusable maladministration regarding employment status in the construction industry. They have created an employment custom contrary to legislation. A whole culture cannot be changed in a day."

Mr Alambritis said: "The Inland Revenue is aghast that there are 750,000 certificates in the system. This has arisen because the Government had been so successful over the years in encouraging self-employment. Our worry is that the Inland Revenue is under enormous pressure to cut back on spending and one of the sectors they can look at is small businesses, where they are raking in only small sums in tax."

Mike Warburton, senior tax partner in Grant Thornton, financial advisers, fears that some agencies supplying workers to the construction industry are in for a nasty shock. He said: "The National Insurance laws say that agencies who supply workers to the construction industry must also pay their NI contributions. However, until now, the taxman has not always chased this payment."

There are four million self-employed in the UK, about a quarter of the European Union total. More than half of them have turnover of less than £12,000 a year.



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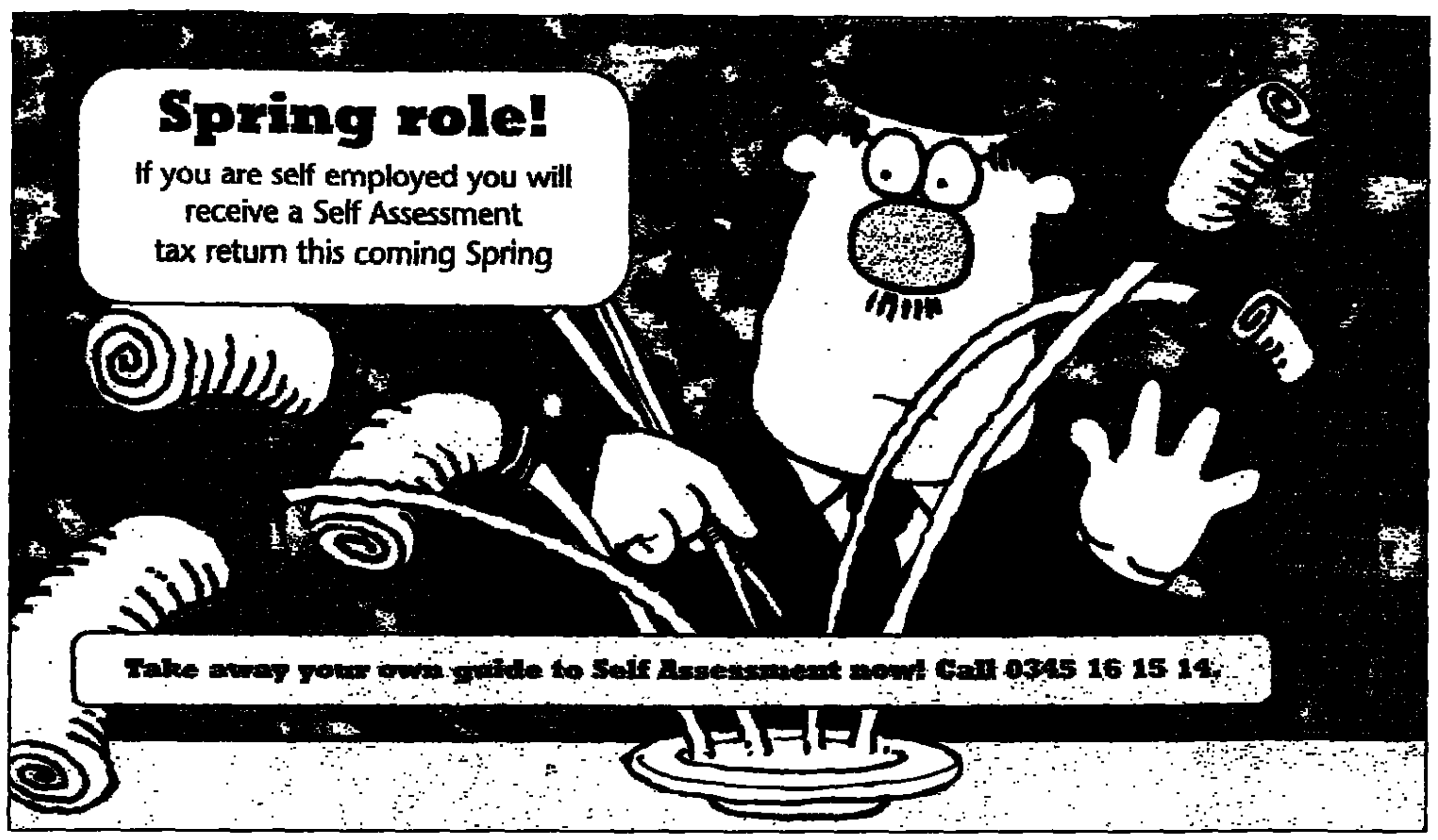
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Adverts are topping on takeaway

By Rodney Hobson

AN IDEA ignored for more than six years resurfaced to show why some small business owners are more successful than others.

Richard Francis, managing director of Spiral Packs, explains how he made an already profitable company more successful. He says: "I was part of a team that bought out a company making lids for food cartons. I walked round the very clean factory and saw the product going through, all white.

"I felt there was something wrong but I didn't know what it was. When I came back with the buyout team it was mentioned in the course of discussions that six or eight years previously someone had thought about putting advertisements on the lids. The penny dropped. I saw the opportunity of adding value by putting colour where colour had not been before."

At that time Mr Francis was managing director of a textile company selling furnishings and his background was in designing so he had an eye for visual impact.

The result, Adlids, can be seen increasingly by buyers of takeaway meals. The UK has 17,000 Indian and Chinese food outlets, more than 6,000 of them takeaways. The rest are restaurants that also supply meals to take home.

Adlids supplies nearly a billion food carton lids a year, sold through wholesalers. About 600 million go to Chinese and Indian takeaways. Advertisers pay £20 to £25 per 1,000 to adorn them, depending on the size of the order. They can have a message distributed nationally or tailored to television transmission areas. So far, clients include the Inland Revenue, publicising self-assessment, the Department of Transport, campaigning against drink-driving, Channel 4 Television, Tango soft drinks and Blackthorn cider.

To give outlets the incentive to use the lids, they are sold at a discount to the plain white ones.

Mr Francis says: "Our product guarantees impact. You have to look at the lid while you open the carton. There are 5.1 million takeaways sold each week — largely to people with high disposable incomes."

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Bank finds optimism among black entrepreneurs

By Brian Collett

BLACK owners of small businesses are the ethnic group most likely to write formal business plans, Barclays Bank researchers have reported.

They found that 56 per cent of those interviewed had produced detailed plans and that 60 per cent had undertaken vocational or practical training. They also found unexpectedly high confidence among black businesses, which probably resulted from careful start-up preparation. Among the respondents, 84 per cent were optimistic about their prospects and 79 per cent believed that ethnic minority businesses had an increasingly important role to play in the economy.

"It was one of the more surprising aspects of the research," said Peter Oatley, Barclays Bank's small business services manager. It contrasted with optimism among only 63 per cent of their white counterparts and was maintained in spite of the obstacles faced by black business people. Almost half said that they had suffered discrimination and 30 per cent said that they had become self-employed because they could not obtain work.

Another finding by the Barclays researchers was that, of the ethnic minority entrepreneurs, Asians worked the longest day — 11½ hours on average.

☐ The Small Business Bureau and NatWest have helped to set up the African Caribbean Westminster Initiative, with Lord Taylor of Warwick as its first president. The aims include establishing a business research centre, training non-executive directors and trustees, and promoting African Caribbean businesses.

BRIEFINGS

The Patent Office has cut patent examination fees from £130 to £70, reducing the overall cost to £225, to encourage more small and medium-sized companies to protect their ideas. Details: 0645 500505.

☐ More than half of a sample of companies with turnovers of £1 million to £100 million surveyed for NatWest in the first quarter of this year reported sales up on the first quarter of 1996, and more than 60 per cent expected them to keep rising. As a result of improved sales, 40 per cent have taken on more staff in the past year, and a third intend to do so this quarter.

☐ Worldgate, a new business support centre, has opened on the site of the closed Trentham Colliery, near Stoke-on-Trent, as a partnership involving Staffordshire University, the county's chamber of commerce, Business Link and training and enterprise council and private-sector companies. Backing has come from the EU, local government and NatWest. Worldgate aims to encourage greater use of information technology by businesses.

☐ A project to boost sales by small food and drink producers in western England is being launched by Taste of the West, a trade support group set up by Food from Britain and the National Farmers Union. The West Country Cooking Project will feature *A Guide to West Country Cooking*, due out in the autumn, which will promote producers and restaurants.

☐ A free booklet on business-to-business marketing in Europe is being offered by the PCMC marketing services company, of Reading, Berkshire. *The Guide to European Business-to-Business Direct Mailing* looks at design, cultural differences and response management. Call 0118-988 0400.

☐ Business in the Community and the National Council for Voluntary Organisations have formed a task force to consider how companies, especially small and medium-sized ones, can work with voluntary bodies for mutual benefit. The move is a response to last year's Deakin Commission report, which found potential for better links between business and the voluntary sector.

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605	483½	Irish Perm	573½		2.8	
576	434	Lloyds TSB†	578	+ 19	2.9	18.6
825½	669½	Nat Aust Bk	825½	+ 9½	5.0	11.1
844½	663½	Nat Westt	718½	+ 28	5.0	10.8
632½	508	Ryl Bk Scot	572	+ 13½	4.1	12.7
973½	681	Stand Chart†	917½	+ 4½	2.0	16.4
£164½	£164½	Wells Fargo	£164½		1.9	
374½	315½	Westpac	328½	- 4½	4.1	10.6

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PHARMACEUTICALS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
264½	192	Brit Biotech	247	+ 2½	..	
1115	685	Cantab Pharms	987½			
673	470	Celltech	567½	- 5		
443½	312½	Chiroscience	335	- 17½		
293½	177½	Cortecs	260½	+ 10		
1181½	885½	Glaxo Wellc†	1158½	+ 15	3.6	23.9
245	176½	ML Laboratories	197	- 5		51.5
330½	252	Medeva†	298½	+ 1	2.0	
403	229½	Peptide Thera	317	- 4		..
92	24½	Proteus Intl	60	+ 2½		
737½	362½	Scotia	421			
246	216	Shire Pharms	219		..	..
86½	64½	SkyePharma	78½	- ½		
960½	768½	SmithKline†	951½	+ 11	2.1	23.8
392	290½	Therp Anti Inc	358½			
707½	512½	Vanguard	602½			
435	210	Xenova	360	12		
1930	1585½	Zeneca†	1827½	+ 17	2.4	25.9

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock	Int yld %	Grs red yld
Treas 7% 1997	6.98	6.19
Treas 8¾% 1997	8.68	6.23
Exch 15% 1997	14.38	6.31
Exch 9¾% 1998	9.54	6.50
Treas 7¼% 1998	7.21	6.63
Treas 14% 1998-01	13.03	6.74
Treas 15½% 1998	13.90	6.84
Exch 12% 1998	11.17	6.89
Treas 9½% 1999	9.13	6.94
Exch 12¼% 1999	11.21	7.03
Treas 10½% 1999	9.85	6.97
Treas 6% 1999	6.12	6.94
Conv 10¼% 1999	9.56	7.13
Conv 9% 2000	8.61	7.20
Treas 8% 2000	7.82	7.24
Treas 13% 2000	11.19	7.27
Treas 10% 2001	9.20	7.33
Treas 7% 2001	7.09	7.34

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock	Int yld %	Grs red yld
Treas 9¾% 2002	8.87	7.45
Treas 8% 2003	7.80	7.45
Treas 10% 2003	8.91	7.52
Treas 11½% 2001-04	10.11	7.36
Fund 3½% 1999-04	4.18	6.30
Conv 9½% 2004	8.57	7.56
Treas 6¾% 2004	7.06	7.51
Treas 8½% 2005	8.06	7.60
Conv 9½% 2005	8.55	7.61
Treas 12½% 2003-05	9.88	7.54
Treas 7½% 2006	7.57	7.63
Treas 7¾% 2006	7.71	7.68
Treas 8% 2002-06	7.91	7.63
Treas 11¾% 2003-07	9.85	7.52
Treas 8½% 2007	8.04	7.67
Treas 7¼% 2007	7.46	7.63
Treas 9% 2008	8.21	7.71
Treas 8% 2009	7.86	7.75

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock	Int yld %	Grs red yld
Treas 6¼% 2010	7.17	7.79
Conv 9% 2011	8.16	7.78
Treas 9% 2012	8.14	7.79
Treas 5½% 2008-12	6.71	7.55
Treas 8% 2013	7.86	7.80
Treas 7¾% 2012-15	7.80	7.81
Treas 8% 2015	7.83	7.77
Treas 8¾% 2017	8.00	7.81
Tr 8% 2021	7.81	7.76

UNDATED

Stock	Int yld %	Grs red yld
War Ln 3½%	7.77	..
Treas 2½%	8.02	
Consols 4%	8.08	

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Stock	10%	5%
Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	...	2.20
Treas IL 2½% 2001	2.73	3.37
Treas IL 2½% 2003	3.01	3.48
Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	3.08	3.49
Treas IL 2% 2006	3.24	3.55
Treas IL 2½% 2009	3.34	3.59
Treas IL 2½% 2011	3.38	3.61
Treas IL 2½% 2013	3.43	3.63
Treas IL 2½% 2016	3.47	3.66
Treas IL 2½% 2020	3.54	3.70
Treas IL 2½% 2024	3.56	3.70
Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	3.56	3.70

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
For AIB see Govett (John)				
General Acc	736.40	783.50	..	2.27
General Inc	610.10	649.10		2.27
Uk Growth Acc	510.40	543.00	+ 0.10	2.42
Uk Growth Inc	326.20	347.10		2.42
Higher Inc Acc	918.20	958.30	+ 1.50	3.92
Higher Inc Inc	477.50	508.80	+ 0.80	3.92
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	214.80	226.60		5.59
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	91.62	96.77	+ 0.01	5.59
Nth America	341.20	363.00	- 5.90	
Europe	390.00	414.90	- 5.40	0.30
Brit Exceed	100.60	107.10	+ 0.10	2.51
Brit Fndmtls Acc	127.20	135.40	+ 0.10	4.62
Brit Fndmtls Inc	83.96	89.31	+ 0.07	4.62
Global Opps	102.70	109.30	- 1.00	
Balanced Acc	66.69	70.95		2.29
Balanced Inc	61.70	65.64	...	2.29
Japan Acc	38.38	40.73	- 0.33	...
Pac Basin Acc	377.10	401.20	- 2.10	0.69
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	131.70	139.80†	...	6.65
High Inc Equity	196.00	209.60†	- 0.30	4.63
Worldwide Bond	261.80	277.60	- 1.30	4.33
American Growth	411.60	440.00	- 6.50	0.38
Asian Pacific	318.00	340.10	- 2.80	0.41
Assets & Earnings	320.70	343.00	- 0.70	2.76
Euro Capital Acc	201.70	215.70	- 2.10	0.94
Extra Inc	43.04	45.79†	- 0.04	7.59
General	289.90	308.40	- 0.30	2.98
Global Opps	73.78	78.49	- 0.37	0.51
Japan	89.22	95.42	- 2.43	..
Managed Inc	49.19	52.33†	- 0.09	4.30
Mastertrust	175.00	187.20	- 0.40	1.28
US Emerging Cos	164.70	176.10	- 5.00	..
Ethical	86.49	92.01	- 0.88	1.72
International	137.10	145.90	- 0.90	0.60
Dividend & Growth	73.23	77.90	- 0.08	4.31
Global Bnds & Sec	75.48	80.44	- 0.05	2.51
Latin America	82.43	87.69	+ 0.17	0.44
Capital Reserve	148.50	148.50		4.71
ABBEY NATIONAL UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0141 275 8500				
N&P UK Growth	98.45	104.70	+ 0.12	2.28
Equity Income	138.30	147.10	+ 0.20	4.07
Extra Income	259.90	268.00	+ 0.70	6.30
Smaller Cos	111.90	119.00†	- 0.30	1.49
International	116.70	124.10†	- 0.80	1.41
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2537.00	2636.00		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	62.65	65.00†	- 0.46	
Emerging Mkts	77.37	80.55	- 0.21	0.04
European	162.00	168.30	- 2.30	
Extra Income #	51.74	54.45†	- 0.03	5.97
Far East Emg Eco	126.40	132.60	- 0.30	0.47
Fixed Interest #	26.76	27.83	..	8.73
Fund Inv Tst #	163.00	171.00†		9.71
Japan	158.50	164.70	- 1.30	
Latin American	70.32	73.19	- 0.82	0.65
Pacific	78.72	83.69†	- 0.35	0.31
Property Share	92.32	96.43	+ 0.37	2.03
UK Emerging Cos	72.55	78.42	- 0.31	1.23
UK Growth	59.70	62.18†	- 0.04	1.89
Aber World Port #	86.13	88.08	- 0.15	2.82
Ethical	82.22	86.51	- 0.28	2.06
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.11	50.16†	- 0.04	7.39
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 256 5868				
Resdl Property #	99.93	106.30		5.34
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	98.07	104.05†	- 0.07	1.94
Income Builder Inc	86.72	92.26	- 0.14	3.79
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	309.70	331.00†	+ 1.20	2.81
Capital	556.90	595.30†	+ 1.90	1.06
Balanced	908.00	970.60	+ 3.80	2.51
Accumulator	1749.00	1869.00†	+ 5.00	1.67
Income Trusts				
American Income	68.24	72.82†		2.23
High Income	497.90	531.90†	+ 1.70	4.01
Equity Income	281.60	300.90	+ 0.90	3.69
High Yield	299.20	319.80†	+ 0.80	3.76
Govt Securities	34.04	35.93†	+ 0.03	6.08
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	226.30	241.40†	- 1.00	0.05
European Growth	60.00	64.13†	- 0.31	0.06
International	191.90	205.10†	- 0.60	0.11
Japan	158.90	169.80	- 0.90	
Pacific	381.20	407.50	- 2.00	
Secs of America	597.70	636.70	-02.70	0.12
Wwide Asset Val	55.90	59.75†	- 0.21	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	700.80	749.10	+ 2.10	1.82
Conv & Gilt	53.22	56.89†	+ 0.01	3.72
Smaller Cos	214.10	228.80	+ 0.10	1.00
2nd Smaller Cos	262.90	276.90†	+ 0.20	0.72
Recovery	180.80	193.20†	+ 0.60	1.48
Met Min & Cdty	151.39	161.70†	- 1.10	8.19
Oseas Earnings	465.30	497.40†	+ 1.70	0.98
Technology	212.29	227.90†	- 1.50	..
UK Special Sits	626.90	672.20	+ 1.80	1.59
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Cnipld Out Pens	124.60	129.40	..	...
Foundn Pencl Pens	73.03	75.87		...
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	92.76	98.88	+ 0.31	0.76
International	69.59	74.03		..
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	352.50	377.10	- 0.10	...
Bond	117.00	123.10†	- 0.20	6.65
Bril Smlr Cos	118.80	126.40	- 0.20	1.78
Conv & Gen #	69.80	75.68	+ 0.87	5.11
Europe	306.40	325.30	- 2.80	0.10
Euro Smlr Cos	124.80	132.80	- 1.00	0.31
Income Gwth	392.40	417.40†	- 1.80	4.51
Japan	275.10	292.40	- 0.60	..
Latin American	103.50	110.10	+ 0.30	0.58
Pacific	114.50	121.80	- 0.70	0.52
UK Smlr Cos	60.79	64.67	- 0.15	1.23
Japan Fd	520.70	536.30	- 1.10	
Mngd Fd	213.30	226.60†	- 0.30	2.66
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	402.60	425.90	.	0.80
Capital Gwth	142.00	150.20	.	2.78
Wwide Opps	235.50	249.10	.	0.97
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 522 4000				
Balanced Trusts				
Gwth & Inc Inc	462.50	492.00†	- 0.80	2.00
European Bd Inc	98.51	102.00	- 0.10	5.72
Exempt	90.64	96.43†	- 0.27	2.55
500	523.30	562.70	- 1.60	2.04
General	354.00	376.50†	- 1.10	2.16
Property	259.90	278.80		5.53
Trustee	249.50	265.40	- 0.70	2.12
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.40	100.40†	+ 0.10	5.40
Distribution @#	118.40	119.00	- 0.20	5.86
Extra Income #	149.20	159.10†	- 0.40	4.47
Gilt & Fxd Int	59.03	60.85	- 0.10	7.73
Income #	640.10	682.80	- 1.40	4.44
Income Builder #	73.52	78.29	- 0.12	5.08
Intl Income	74.99	79.78	- 0.53	1.83
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	155.80	165.50	- 0.40	1.94
FTSE 100	112.50	119.40	- 0.20	2.39
Leisure	183.10	195.30	- 0.40	1.59
Recovery	541.50	577.60	- 1.50	2.19
Smlr Cos Inc	62.21	66.36	- 0.08	2.07
Special Sits	445.90	474.30	- 1.30	1.88
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	187.10	198.80	- 1.70	0.28
F East Gwth Acc	305.80	325.30	+11.20	0.26
Far East Gwth	181.40	193.00	+ 6.70	0.26
Euro Gwth Inc	201.30	213.00	- 2.60	0.65
-do- Accum	218.90	231.60	- 2.90	0.65
Japan	112.10	118.70†	- 0.60	
-do- Accum	113.40	120.00	- 0.60	
Japan Spec Sits	52.65	56.11	- 0.43	
Worldwide	200.30	212.60	- 1.60	0.68
BARING FUND MANGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	141.10	149.00	- 1.70	.
Amer Smlr Cos	125.60	134.80	- 2.40	.
Convertibles	61.77	65.84†	- 0.17	4.40
Eastern	276.00	297.00	- 1.50	0.30
Equity Income #	107.80	115.20†	+ 0.10	4.10
European Growth	392.00	418.60	- 3.80	0.80
Europe	397.50	424.20	- 3.30	0.00
German Growth	92.76	98.28	- 1.18	0.50
Global Bond	70.33	73.97	- 0.23	6.20
Global Growth	145.70	154.80	- 1.10	0.40
Japan Growth	161.10	171.00	- 1.20	.
Japan Sunrise	108.80	115.39	- 1.10	..
Korea Trust	50.34	54.40	+ 1.11	...
Portfolio	155.30	165.60		2.00
-do- Accum	296.10	315.70	- 0.20	2.00
UK Growth	118.30	127.90	+ 0.40	3.80
UK Smaller Cos	106.10	115.10†	...	1.90
Select Managers	91.25	97.98†	- 0.38	1.80
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	95.03	101.10	..	...
Special Oppor Inc	68.68	73.07	..	...
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	158.66	167.90†	- 2.44	1.45
-do- Accum	185.78	196.59	- 2.85	1.45
Smaller Cos	175.50	185.71	- 0.20	0.40
Higher Yield #	61.22	64.79†	- 0.16	3.99
American Gth Inc	102.81	108.80	- 1.10	
European Growth	176.68	186.96†	- 2.70	..
-do- Accum	180.46	190.96	- 2.75	.
Mngd Ptflio Inc	56.18	59.42†	- 0.37	1.27
-do- Accum	58.58	61.98	- 0.38	1.27
Intl Spec Opps	175.49	185.70	- 1.67	...
Pacific Gth	158.81	168.06	- 0.85	.
UK General #	107.06	113.29	- 0.30	2.90
-do- Accum #	116.17	122.93	- 0.33	2.90
Japan	46.97	49.70	- 0.12	.
Gilt & Fixed Int #	100.94	104.60	- 0.23	8.17
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	64.19	66.07†	..	6.62
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	196.00	205.80	- 0.60	1.87
UK Growth	230.90	242.40	- 0.20	2.12
UK Income	158.90	166.90†	+ 0.10	4.19
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	246.50	261.30	- 0.60	1.52
-do- Income Dist	134.80	142.80†	+ 0.10	3.50
-do- Accum	449.20	476.10†	+ 0.30	3.50
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.82	42.88	+ 0.10	6.34
Growth Units	279.10	298.30	+ 0.10	1.96
Bond	176.20	185.30	- 0.20	6.80
Intl Growth	232.50	247.80†	- 2.58	0.18
North American	266.60	283.40	- 3.80	0.09
Far East	298.00	318.70	- 3.90	0.61
UK Smaller Cos	248.50	265.80	- 0.20	1.08
European	89.82	106.10	- 1.20	0.48
Japanese Growth	35.67	38.05†	- 0.24	.
High Income	237.70	253.80†	+ 0.20	4.00
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	221.00	234.20†	- 2.70	..
European Inc	103.40	109.70	- 1.00	0.37
Smaller Cos (4-1)	115.90	123.30†	- 0.40	1.34
Growth	601.80	640.10	+ 2.60	1.96
Income & Growth #	503.80	538.00	+ 0.30	3.54
-do- Accum #	772.40	821.80	+ 0.60	3.54
Japan & Gen	53.93	57.23†	- 0.54	.
Hallmark Gwth	£12.93	£13.47†	- 2.00	1.74
-do- Accum	£16.09	£16.77	- 3.00	1.74
Special Sits	138.70	147.80	+ 0.50	1.95
High Yield	£16.36	£16.87		3.98
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	107.20	114.41	- 0.06	2.14
American Portfolio	129.36	137.31	- 0.40	1.04
European Portfolio	146.60	156.05†	- 0.93	0.58
High Income	52.62	52.75	+ 0.11	7.24
Japanese Portfolio	53.97	57.25†	- 0.40	.

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Pacific Portfolio	155.77	167.50	- 0.77	0.79
UK Equity	104.15	111.15†	+ 0.04	3.20
UK Equity & Bd	61.57	65.33	+ 0.19	6.17
UK Smlr Cos	54.62	58.42	- 0.04	1.81
CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fd Inc	810.86	832.26	...	4.13
Inv Fd Acc	819.86	832.26	..	...
Fxd Int Sec Inc	156.66	157.28	.	9.69
Fxd Int Sec Acc	158.66	157.28	...	
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	874.60	827.20	.	4.18
Investment Acc	538.42	539.00	...	
Fixed Int Inc	126.75	127.25	...	9.11
Fixed Int Acc	241.11	242.07		
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	84.76	89.38	.	5.61
Beck Bio-Tech	36.87	40.18	...	...
Accm Ethical Tst	187.94	197.35	.	0.43
City Fin Assets	81.56	85.63†	+ 0.87	1.97
City Fin Intl	88.65	93.09†		0.09
Friars Hse Cap	321.37	341.88	- 0.24	2.93
Buckley Wwld Gth	140.25	148.67†	...	
J Sml Inc/Gth Inc	60.05	63.06		3.29
Cheer Utilities	88.86	88.34	+ 0.60	4.49
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 308				
Emerging Markets	60.26	63.97	- 0.18	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	78.47	83.46	- 0.91	0.13
Dragon Growth	69.71	74.55	- 0.50	0.43
Equity High Inc	98.55	105.34	+ 0.12	3.71
-do- Accum	145.94	154.43	+ 0.17	3.71
Extra Income Inc	26.63	28.03†	- 0.05	7.24
Extra Income Acc	30.16	31.74	- 0.06	7.24
European Gwth	67.81	71.76	- 0.60	0.35
European	30.49	32.69	- 0.45	0.01
General Equity	116.79	123.26	+ 0.83	2.61
Japan Growth	37.73	40.14	- 0.48	.
Pedigree Gwth	69.59	73.64	+ 0.06	2.06
Ped Sm Cos Inc	41.69	44.11	- 0.07	1.18
-do- Accum	44.43	47.02	- 0.08	1.18
Retirement Inc #	30.30	32.23	- 0.06	5.53
Special Sits	50.72	54.54	- 0.07	2.74
UK & Overseas	62.75	66.40	- 0.52	0.69
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD				
01634 898 000				
Balanced	74.78	77.89	+ 0.02	3.97
Capital	88.82	93.56	- 0.18	2.35
High Income	52.80	54.99	- 0.03	6.73
Top 50	62.31	64.90	+ 0.09	2.49
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	205.51	214.10†	- 0.18	4.29
Long Gilt	43.69	45.49†	+ 0.17	6.29
Monthly Inc Plus	51.45	53.60†	- 0.03	8.36
Preference Share	48.56	50.59†	- 0.02	7.71
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	149.29	155.53†	- 0.28	5.49
Managed Fund	78.96	82.26†	- 0.19	2.69
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	55.33	57.84†	- 0.01	1.65
-do- Accum	66.17	68.93†	- 0.01	1.65
UK & General	105.89	110.31†	+ 0.16	2.73
-do- Accum	140.38	146.24†	+ 0.21	2.73
UK Growth	213.37	222.28†	- 0.19	1.26
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	226.99	236.47†	- 2.53	0.61
Far Eastern Gth	125.50	130.74†	- 1.10	0.02
Global Bond	72.51	75.54†	- 0.35	6.56
Japan Growth	93.76	97.68†	- 0.66	.
North Amer Gth	250.43	260.89†	- 2.21	..
Oriental Growth	82.39	85.83†	- 0.75	0.27
Worldwide Growth	73.80	76.88†	- 0.62	.
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.75	91.75†	+ 0.04	5.53
Homeowner Fund	94.35	100.38	- 0.05	2.15
Quilter Fund	164.41	174.92	- 0.11	2.06
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	37.66	40.28	..	3.92
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	193.90	206.30†	- 0.40	1.79
Income	76.29	81.16	+ 0.23	4.34
European	79.54	84.62	- 0.74	0.29
Recovery	187.20	199.10†	- 0.70	2.58
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	1049.30	1065.30	..	3.25
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 680 370				
Fellowship Tst	116.60	124.00†	- 0.50	1.10
Income #	299.30	318.30†	- 0.20	4.34
-do- Accum #	814.10	866.09	- 0.59	4.34
Smaller Cos	240.50	255.80	+ 1.70	0.93
-do- Accum	299.80	318.70	+ 2.10	0.93
Gilt Portfolio	106.90	113.70	- 0.39	1.25
High Inc Port #	88.22	93.85	- 0.07	4.45
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1624				
Global Sm Cos	1636.10	1668.80		..
UK Small Cos	2324.90	2420.90	.	2.73
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	244.90	252.50	.	3.14
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	187.90	189.80	- 0.50	1.62
UK High Inc Inc	195.59	207.90	- 0.60	3.43
-do- Accum	267.90	285.00	- 0.80	3.43
UK Pref & F I Inc	59.77	63.47	- 0.07	5.83
Envrnmntl Opps	110.70	117.70†	- 0.30	0.85
UK Smlr Cos #	76.85	81.75	- 0.12	0.82
Extra Income Inc	50.10	53.29	- 0.11	6.48
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0845 090 526				
Convertibles #	23.36	24.82†	- 0.03	5.64
Enterprise	115.20	122.10	.	2.05
Equity Income #	150.60	160.00†	+ 0.20	3.75
European	67.46	71.33	- 0.60	.
Financial	62.38	66.28	+ 0.13	1.51
Growth & Inc #	306.50	325.70	+ 0.70	3.69
High Dist #	191.10	202.90	+ 0.40	4.19
International	430.40	457.30	- 3.60	0.22
Int Cap Inc	110.10	117.50†	- 0.40	2.30
Latin American	36.87	38.96	+ 0.14	.
Pacific	81.35	86.43	- 0.31	
Pref High Inc	22.76	24.10†	- 0.06	7.47
Tokyo	176.38	186.70	- 1.20	
UK Smaller Cos	261.80	278.20	- 0.50	1.08
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
Jap Smlr Co	294.00	312.00†	- 3.10	
Nth Amer	444.20	470.90	- 2.30	0.62
UK Inc & Gth	270.00	288.10†	- 0.10	2.57
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Brit Director Digs	130.47	139.54†	+ 0.63	1.02
Growth Acc	288.94	305.64	+ 2.98	0.63
Income	618.81	659.03	- 0.61	6.03
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	233.70	248.60†	.	0.69
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	97.43	102.56	- 0.10	1.59
Ethical Tst	46.70	49.16	- 0.30	1.02
Far Eastern	294.55	310.05	- 1.43	1.49
High Income	154.38	162.50	+ 0.77	4.51
UK Index Trcking	56.93	59.93	+ 0.24	3.00
Intl Growth	146.50	154.21	- 0.04	0.77
North American	153.08	161.14	- 0.69	1.86
Pelican	155.59	163.78†	+ 0.54	2.95
Smaller Cos	77.06	81.12	- 0.47	2.59
Special Sits	98.23	103.40	- 0.04	2.82
Tst of Inv Tsts	225.90	237.79	+ 0.12	1.43
For Evermore see Laurence Keen				
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	104.79	112.38†	- 0.50	.
Fd of Inv Tsts	55.26	58.94	- 0.07	0.49
High Income #	40.50	43.40†		11.52
Warrant	46.94	57.02†	- 0.05	..
Zero Preference	45.78	48.57		.
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	104.20	110.80†	- 0.30	2.39
United Charities	343.20	365.10†	+ 0.10	1.97
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 181				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	.	5.60
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond	26.01	26.56†	- 0.18	5.42
Strategic Inc	27.52	28.78†	- 0.01	5.91
Income Funds				
High Income	27.89	29.26	- 0.01	5.27
Income Plus	143.50	152.60	+ 0.20	3.93
European Income	53.96	57.35	- 0.32	2.37
UK Div Gth	34.53	36.72	+ 0.04	2.28
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	56.32	59.01	- 0.87	.
American	330.40	352.10	- 6.10	.
Amer Spec Sits	181.40	194.10	- 3.60	.
Japan Smaller Cos	23.03	24.51	- 0.26	
European	252.70	268.10	- 2.50	0.51
European Opps	89.86	95.55†	- 0.94	0.02
Global Priv	34.04	37.16†	- 0.18	0.30
UK Growth	133.40	141.90	...	1.37
Growth & Inc	197.40	209.90	+ 0.20	2.21
Intl PEP	51.61	54.88	- 0.17	1.00
Japan Spec Sits	65.47	69.44	- 0.80	...
Japan	154.80	164.30	- 1.10	..
Managed Intl	368.30	391.70	- 2.70	0.69
Moneybuilder	67.90	72.20	- 0.21	
Recovery	67.12	71.37†	- 0.32	1.91
South E Asia	183.40	195.70	- 0.70	0.98
Special Sits	793.40	843.70	- 1.40	0.52
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	118.87	118.87	+ 0.04	5.60
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	155.40	157.70†		1.69
Finsbury Pf Inc #	101.50	102.40	- 0.30	6.06
Cap Ptflio	169.80	171.10	- 1.20	0.46
General Opps	151.00	152.40†	..	3.17
Growth Inc	40.40	40.79	- 0.02	1.89
Private Portfolio	501.10	508.40		1.18
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 386 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smlr Cos	155.70	165.60	- 1.70	0.00
High Income	22.85	24.32†	- 0.03	9.25
Japan Smlr Cos	14.54	15.57	- 0.07	..
US Smaller Cos	427.20	454.60	- 1.70	
For Foster & Braithwaite see Quilter				
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	76.98	81.97†	- 1.11	
-do- Accum	76.98	81.97†	- 1.11	
Amer Smlr Cos	578.00	622.20	- 5.70	...
-do- Accum	588.40	626.90	- 5.90	
Capital Tst	420.40	447.20†	- 1.20	1.26
-do- Accum	620.90	660.50†	- 1.70	1.26
Contl Smlr Cos	61.76	66.10	- 0.73	0.97
-do- Accum	65.70	70.33	- 0.77	0.97
Convertible	145.10	154.40	- 1.70	5.17
-do- Accum	321.50	342.00	- 3.90	5.17
Emerging Markets	71.38	76.78	+ 0.04	0.54
-do- Accum	71.87	76.78	+ 0.04	0.54
European	159.80	169.10	- 2.00	0.50
-do- Accum	169.10	179.28	- 2.10	0.50
Extra Income	418.80	445.50	- 0.70	4.02
-do- Accum	675.20	718.30	- 1.20	4.02
Financial	190.00	202.10†	- 1.30	0.46
-do- Accum	203.40	216.40†	- 1.50	0.46
Gilt Trust	62.65	64.61†	+ 0.09	6.65
-do- Accum	100.40	103.68†	+ 0.20	6.65
Health Fund Inc	232.50	248.40	- 3.30	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	232.50	248.40	- 3.30	...
Income & Growth	245.38	261.00	- 0.20	4.08
-do- Accum	396.40	421.70	- 0.70	4.08
Intl Growth	412.90	440.50†	- 4.80	...
-do- Accum	458.50	489.10†	- 5.30	.
Japan & Gen	135.50	143.80	- 1.20	..
-do- Accum	136.80	145.48	- 1.10	..
Monthly Inc #	212.80	226.40†	- 0.20	4.26
-do- Accum #	217.50	231.30†	- 0.20	4.26
Managed Port Inc	123.70	130.20†	- 0.50	1.38
-do- Accum	136.80	143.20†	- 0.50	1.38
Quarterly Income #	59.46	63.57	- 0.07	5.07
-do- Accum #	69.52	74.32	- 0.08	5.07
Recovery	327.30	350.60	- 2.20	..
-do- Accum	386.40	413.20	- 2.50	
UK Growth	72.18	76.79	- 0.09	2.00
-do- Accum	78.27	83.27	- 0.08	2.00
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 716836 Enq 01722 715804				
FP American	83.40	88.80	- 0.59	0.15
FP Asn Smlr Cos	183.00	195.20	- 1.10	...
FP Asian Growth	283.60	302.50	- 1.90	.
FP Australian	446.40	476.10	- 0.50	...
FP Equity Dist	487.10	520.20	- 1.10	2.28
-do- Accum	£17.10	£17.83	- 3.00	2.29
FP Euro Gth	317.80	338.90	- 4.10	..
-do- Accum	348.60	371.80	- 4.50	.
FP Intl Bond	54.85	58.04	- 0.25	4.16
FP Intl Gth Dist	38.94	41.53	- 0.22	0.09
-do- Accum	57.20	61.01	- 0.47	0.09
FP Pac Basin Acc	210.20	224.20	- 1.70	...
FP Income #	63.45	67.59	- 0.29	4.83
-do- Accum #	225.60	240.60	- 1.10	4.83
FP Jap Smlr Cos	210.50	224.50	- 0.30	
FP Monthly Dist #	79.13	84.49†	- 0.20	5.32
FP Stg Deposit	100.50	100.30†	- ..	5.01
FP Tokyo	65.63	70.00	- 0.35	...
FP UK Focus	45.86	48.91†	- 0.07	1.61
FP UK Growth	217.35	231.70	- 0.80	2.05
-do- Accum	442.00	471.40	- 1.10	2.05
Stewardship Dist	470.20	501.50	- 1.40	1.28
-do- Accum	594.20	633.80	- 1.70	1.28
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	81.77	87.22	- 0.01	4.86
-do- Accum #	114.40	122.00		4.86
N Am Stshp Dist	129.30	137.90	- 1.20	0.27
-do- Accum	139.20	148.40	- 1.20	0.27
FP Exempt Trust				
Intl Ethical In #	114.80	115.30	- 0.30	3.20
Intl Ethical Ac #	114.80	115.30	- 0.30	3.20
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	132.40	140.80	- 0.60	0.65
Open Cap Gth Acc	135.30	143.90	- 0.50	..
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	122.00	129.70	- 0.50	3.09
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	130.60	138.90	- 0.60	3.09
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	126.60	134.60	- 0.50	3.87
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	137.20	145.90	- 0.40	3.87
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
BANDA	326.00	345.90	- 1.00	1.73
Cash	49.74	50.48	+ 0.01	4.44
Growth Portfolio	94.04	100.00	- 0.80	.
Income Portfolio	76.30	80.96	- 0.29	2.82
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	238.90	255.50	- 2.30	0.35
Dividend	105.00	112.30	- 0.30	3.68
Intl Gth & Inc	260.60	276.70	- 2.00	2.30
UK & Gen	54.16	57.93	- 0.40	1.43
Fund of Funds	77.85	83.35†	- 0.17	...
BT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 8431				
American Smlr Cos	184.40	197.30	- 2.80	0.17
European Gth	784.90	836.00	-12.70	0.57
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	55.42	58.77†	- 0.56	4.06
-do- Accum	83.64	67.49	- 0.63	4.06
Far East & Gen	249.50	266.90	- 1.80	
High Yield #	50.53	53.39	- 0.07	7.51
-do- Accum #	57.51	60.76	- 0.08	7.51
Income Inc	210.40	225.10	+ 0.40	3.83
-do- Accum	244.40	261.40	+ 0.40	3.83
Intl Growth	391.10	418.10	- 1.70	0.30
Intl Income	98.78	104.60	- 1.00	2.61
Japan Growth	414.60	440.00	+ 0.70	.
Orient Acc	202.30	218.40	- 1.10	0.14
UK General Inc	197.80	211.60	- 0.40	1.66
UK General Acc	355.30	379.90	- 0.70	1.66
UK Sm Cos Div Acc	65.60	70.16	+ 0.36	1.66
UK Spec Sits	112.40	120.30	+ 0.20	1.37
US Growth	191.60	202.80	- 2.50	..
Wwide Spec Sits	163.30	173.70	- 1.30	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	63.62	67.88	- 0.09	2.08
Cash Trust	149.84	149.84	+ 0.06	5.46
Practical Inv Inc #	128.05	136.95†	- 0.06	3.51
-do- Accum #	311.21	332.84†	- 0.14	3.51
UK Index	198.26	197.25†	- 0.04	3.15
UK Smaller Cos	231.50	247.50	- 0.29	0.36
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	24.09	25.59†	- 0.03	7.23
High Income	37.20	39.69	+ 0.04	4.59
UK Growth & Inc	173.70	185.59	- 0.08	3.07
Global Bond	27.46	28.46†	- 0.12	4.78
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	50.50	54.01†	- 0.17	
Global Managed	144.56	153.67†	- 0.94	1.27
Gold & Intl Res	105.52	112.86	+ 0.49	...
Global Utilities	157.55	168.14	- 0.18	0.90
Overseas Funds				
American	198.29	210.26	- 2.85	0.64
European	147.91	156.93†	- 1.55	0.65
Euro Sel Opps	229.37	243.68	- 1.92	.
Amer Emerging	150.95	161.41	- 1.16	..
Hong Kong	184.35	197.20†	- 2.15	1.09
Japan	181.78	192.90	- 0.79	...
Pacific Growth	219.21	235.56	- 1.18	..
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	273.89	273.89†	- 0.33	1.84
Long Term Bal	291.19	291.19†	- 0.51	2.68
Med Term Bal	239.17	239.17†	+ 0.12	2.88
UK Equity	330.33	330.33	+ 0.33	2.43
UK Emerging Cos	192.21	192.21	- 0.40	1.95
American	346.03	346.03†	- 4.20	0.52
Japan	106.77	106.77†	- 0.17	..
European	382.19	382.19†	- 3.95	0.78
Index Linked Gilt	190.44	190.44†	+ 0.27	2.69
Fixed Interest	182.24	182.24	+ 0.48	7.23
Amer Emerging	335.54	335.54†	- 2.34	..
Pacific	221.12	221.12	- 0.33	0.65
Emerging Mkts	135.10	135.10	+ 0.24	0.61
Index Strat Japan	112.69	112.69	- 1.61	0.29
-do- Pacific Rim	198.26	198.26	- 1.42	1.22
-do- Cont Europe	202.93	202.93	- 1.95	1.37
Index Strat USA	285.55	285.55	- 1.89	1.47
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	129.36	137.60	- 0.17	.
Med Term Bal	114.43	121.73	+ 0.06	..
Long Term Bal	131.43	139.82	- 0.24	..
UK Equity	153.94	163.77	+ 0.17	..
UK Emerging Cos	90.56	96.34	- 0.20	..
American	160.49	170.73	- 2.07	..
Japan	51.05	54.31	- 0.09	..
European	158.95	169.09	- 1.75	..
Fixed Interest	94.11	100.11	+ 0.27	..
Index Linked Gilt	84.87	90.28	+ 0.13	..
Deposit	90.23	95.99	+ 0.04	..
Broker Unit Trusts				
Smith Intl	161.02	169.49†	- 0.44	0.50
Brcklf Gth Port Inc	75.64	79.63	- 0.21	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	67.21	70.93†	- 0.19	4.25
-do- Wwide Port	58.80	62.06	- 0.10	0.10
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stg & Intl Inc	682.34	725.89	- 5.81	0.60
-do- Accum	774.52	823.96	- 6.59	0.60
European Inc	187.25	198.93	- 1.47	1.08
Amalgam Inc	164.82	175.34		.
N America Inc	403.74	429.51	- 2.94	..
Far East Inc	354.12	376.72	- 1.73	0.17
-do- Accum	367.54	391.00	- 1.79	0.17
UK Divid Inc	223.68	237.96	- 0.89	1.71
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
Protected Funds				
UK Safeguard	127.300	135.650	- 0.08	
Do NAV to Jun 20	123.59	123.59	..	..
UK Equity Safeguard	100.55	107.57	.	.
Do NAV to Jun 20	96.69	96.69		.
Cash	9.5935	9.6415		5.25
UK Growth Funds				
UK Equity Gen	311.10	331.00	- 0.60	2.27
British Growth	75.53	80.77		2.56
UK Small Cos	76.31	81.61†		0.62
FTSE 250 Index	93.98	100.50	- 0.20	2.12
Geared UK Index	17.9416	18.9406†	- 0.07	4.75
Income Funds				
UK Equity Inc #	100.03	106.97†	- 0.10	4.89
Corp Bd	77.78	80.35	- 0.11	.
Monthly Inc	40.68	43.40†	...	8.83
International Funds				
American Gen	241.30	256.30	- 3.50	.
American Strat	204.67	218.89	- 2.10	.
JG US Index	19.2689	20.3023	..	4.00
European Gen	289.00	305.80	- 1.30	..
European Strat	128.86	137.81	- 1.38	..
Japan Gen	128.70	136.20	- 0.50	.
Japan Strat	44.53	47.59		.
Asia Pacific	97.55	104.31	- 0.03	..
Pacific Strat	159.60	170.68†	- 3.00	.
Greater China	244.93	261.94	- 2.90	
Latin America	113.11	120.96	+ 0.10	..
Intl Growth	165.19	176.67	- 0.90	
Balanced Exempt	141.90	147.10	.	..
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9669				
European	624.50	667.20	- 8.50	0.16
Gilt & Fixed	130.50	138.40	+ 0.40	5.84
Growth Equity	487.50	520.80	- 1.40	1.21
Income Trust	166.00	177.30	- 0.50	3.89
International	209.09	223.20†	- 1.90	0.10
Japan Trust	102.40	109.40	- 0.80	
Nth American	360.80	385.40†	- 4.90	.
Pacific	558.40	596.50†	- 3.80	0.09
Growth	701.80	749.70	- 3.50	1.30
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	98.87	102.59	- 0.84	5.85
Global High Inc	94.46	98.87	- 0.26	6.04
Corporate Bond	104.16	108.13	+ 0.20	7.63
Eqty & Bond Inc	116.77	124.15†	- 0.28	4.93
European Growth	137.59	146.29	- 1.76	..
Intl PEP Trust	73.72	78.38	- 0.57	...
Equity Inc	148.38	157.88	- 0.01	3.48
-do- Accum	220.99	234.96	- 0.02	3.48
Recovery	443.50	471.50†	-11.00	2.31
-do- Accum	533.20	566.90	-13.10	2.31
St Vinc High Inc	134.47	136.48†	+ 0.16	7.15
UK Emerg Cos	337.20	358.60	- 0.30	2.57
UK Smlr Cos	420.40	447.10	+ 0.10	2.86
Glob Priv Tst	135.76	144.35	- 0.69	1.07
-do- Accum	141.15	150.08	- 0.72	1.07
Inc Share Tst	95.76	101.82	...	8.63
Small Cos	107.96	114.77	+ 0.25	2.12
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Balanced Inc	58.38	61.90	+ 0.03	3.41
Balanced Acc	62.84	66.63	+ 0.03	3.41
Growth	36.13	38.31	+ 0.01	1.96
Growth Acc	37.63	39.90	+ 0.02	1.96
Income	34.67	36.76†	+ 0.03	4.19
Income Acc	37.61	39.88	+ 0.03	4.19
Dealing: 01904 611110				
Accumulation Tst	29.93	31.35	+ 0.05	3.00
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
High Provider	100.20	103.60†	.	6.53
Model Ptflio	261.50	274.90	- 0.30	2.19
HARGREAVES LANSDOWN FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 680 290 Dealing: 01277 690 412				
UK Port Acc	47.59	50.49	+ 0.02	1.39
HENDERSON INVESTORS				
Enquiries: 0645 494949 Dealing: 0645 484646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	380.23	406.84	+ 0.04	0.73
Best of British	80.14	85.18	+ 0.09	2.15
UK Smaller Cos	163.07	175.29	- 0.61	0.73
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	335.99	357.91	+ 0.40	3.38
-do- Accum #	960.60	£10.22	+ 1.14	3.38
High Income	364.76	389.94†	+ 0.06	4.06
Extra Income #	313.70	333.67†	+ 0.23	5.74
Pref & Bond	49.82	51.49†	+ 0.02	8.10
International				
Ethical	127.11	135.94	- 0.50	1.63
International	325.87	346.18†	- 2.58	
Global Bond	53.07	55.88†	- 0.18	5.31
Intl Pref Tst	102.97	114.07	- 0.43	0.34
Global Tech	199.87	214.18	- 3.78	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	196.15	209.75	- 1.73	0.28
European	667.95	707.39†	- 7.42	0.20
European Income #	99.78	105.66	- 1.08	2.99
Euro Smlr Cos	215.91	231.03†	- 2.37	0.84
European Value	101.27	108.17†	- 0.75	0.03
-do- Accum	109.36	116.82	- 0.81	0.03
Japan Trust	174.62	185.84	- 1.48	.

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Smlr Cos	155.34	164.67†	- 1.63	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	220.49	234.80†	- 2.22	..
North American	332.00	352.13	- 3.65	..
American Smaller	163.01	174.11†	- 0.98	..
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	169.70	178.70	- 0.50	5.09
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	133.90	140.21†	- 0.19	1.85
Capital	214.38	224.48	- 0.50	1.40
Dollar	515.33	539.61	- 3.77	...
Enterprise Gth	449.78	470.97†	- 1.73	0.77
European	299.15	313.25	- 2.62	0.09
Far East	293.46	307.29	- 2.08	0.47
Financial	£11.87	£12.43†	- 0.03	1.61
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.09	27.15†	- 0.03	7.07
High Yield #	120.99	126.69	- 0.08	4.73
Income & Growth #	175.70	184.00†	- 0.08	3.56
International	294.78	308.67	- 1.57	0.38
Japanese General	164.43	172.18	- 0.08	..
Japan Tech	74.49	78.00	- 0.28	.
Nat Resources	76.37	79.97†	+ 0.04	0.39
Portfolio	87.51	91.63†	- 0.25	1.47
Special Sits	239.05	250.31	- 1.20	0.13
UK Emerging Cos	138.94	145.49	- 0.15	1.02
US Smaller Cos	144.10	150.89	- 1.31	.
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 880 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	698.30	743.10	+ 0.40	4.53
UK Growth	763.20	814.50†	.	1.48
High Income #	123.80	132.10†	...	5.81
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	655.40	693.20†	- 0.58	0.30
European Gwth	160.30	170.40	- 2.00	0.12
Japan Gwth	226.70	240.90	- 0.20	.
Japan Smlr Cos	24.48	26.13	- 0.12	..
Asian	59.94	63.97	- 0.65	.
Sing & Malay Gwth	82.18	87.71	- 1.49	..
Hong Kong Gwth	183.39	195.40†	- 1.70	0.89
Global Bond	20.75	21.88	- 0.13	5.01
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	184.80	185.70	..	2.80
Triple Index	136.50	140.00	- 0.30	2.95
THE FOOTSIE FUND	73.05	73.42	+ 0.05	2.25
Index Funds-International				
American Index	312.50	314.10	- 2.60	0.95
Eurotrack 100	211.80	212.10	- 2.10	1.38
Japan Index	59.37	59.67	- 0.54	0.11
Tiger Index	181.70	185.80	- 0.70	0.15
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	55.54	58.00	- 0.15	1.16
General Funds				
Managed Dist	93.10	97.23	- 0.52	1.08
Managed	95.94	100.20	- 0.60	1.08
Rupert Child Fnd	114.90	119.70†	+ 0.10	1.98
UK Growth	77.94	81.40	+ 0.07	1.60
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	94.46	98.65		5.47
Gilt & Fixed Int #	26.84	27.82†		7.59
UK Inc & Gwth	52.49	54.82†	+ 0.03	2.88
UK Income #	408.10	426.20†	+ 1.40	4.29
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	62.61	64.85†	- 1.08	.
Amer Smlr Cos	142.00	148.30	- 2.30	.
-do- Accum	143.50	149.90	- 2.40	.
Europe Gth	255.70	267.00	- 3.80	..
-do- Accum	264.80	276.60	- 3.90	...
Euro Smaller Cos	48.41	50.49	- 0.71	.
French Growth	101.90	105.80	- 0.70	0.18
-do- Accum	110.30	114.60	- 0.70	0.18
H Kong & China	124.10	129.30	- 0.70	0.63
Intl Growth	69.95	72.88	- 0.54	0.37
-do- Accum	71.27	74.26	- 0.54	0.37
Japan Gth	23.79	24.79	- 0.24	..
-do- Accum	23.79	24.79	- 0.24	..
Japan Smaller Cos	26.84	28.01	- 0.31	..
Glob Emg Mkts	101.70	106.20	- 0.30	..
-do- Accum	102.40	106.90	- 0.30	0.11
SE Asia	341.00	356.10†	- 4.00	.
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	49.46	50.99	- 0.18	6.41
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 690446				
Sector Value Inc #	113.40	120.80†	- 0.20	3.38
Sector Value Gwth	116.70	124.20†	- 0.39	1.70
Hy 5 Europe	106.30	111.80	- 0.80	1.99
Slater Gwth	209.29	222.10	- 0.50	0.50
New Japan	78.11	80.34	- 0.69	...
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	169.50	180.30	- 4.10	..
Income #	241.45	256.87	- 0.41	4.04
UK Growth	93.83	99.81	- 0.25	1.85
Intl Growth	90.69	96.47	- 0.18	0.58
Ecology	110.77	117.84†	- 0.54	0.88
European	226.99	241.47	- 1.94	0.21
Far Eastern	310.70	330.50	+ 2.20	..
UK Special Sits	59.65	63.62†	- 0.14	0.98
Fd of Inv Tsts	56.10	59.83	- 0.11	..
High Income #	54.70	58.34†	- 0.07	4.60

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	101.10	104.40†	- 0.20	7.16
Euro Prv Inc	108.60	115.50	- 1.20	2.75
-do- Accum	108.60	115.50	- 1.20	2.75
Gilt Yield	119.00	125.60†	+ 0.30	6.44
Global Income	236.90	252.00	- 1.20	3.16
High Yield	173.80	184.90†	+ 0.60	5.04
-do- Accum	586.10	623.50†	+ 2.00	5.04
Money Market	99.63	99.63†	+ 0.03	5.38
Smlr Cos Dir	67.11	71.39	- 0.02	3.62
Tomorrows Co Ex Acc	10.41	10.56	+ 0.01	3.49
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	150.20	159.88	- 1.90	
Asian Growth	305.90	325.40	- 3.00	.
-do- Accum	359.50	382.40	- 3.60	.
North American	114.00	121.30	- 1.25	..
European Special	140.60	149.60	- 1.80	1.11
European	191.10	203.30	- 2.20	0.47
-do- Accum	253.00	269.10	- 3.10	0.47
Global Eqty Inc	125.70	133.50†	- 0.40	2.89
Japan	345.20	368.30	+ 0.40	..
Japanese Special	179.10	190.50†	+ 1.10	.
Smaller Cos	163.80	174.39	+ 0.20	0.86
UK Equity Growth	60.61	64.49†	+ 0.96	1.10
UK Index Inc	371.80	373.50	+ 0.20	3.55
Bircham Tst	111.60	119.90†	+ 0.80	2.09
-do- Accum	113.50	121.90†	+ 0.80	2.09
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	334.86	356.22†	+ 0.58	4.63
Esk Growth	101.59	108.07†	...	1.39
Inc & Growth	75.33	80.14	+ 0.13	3.53
Smaller Cos	99.52	105.87†	- 0.35	1.12
Ever Sml Cos Inc	259.05	269.20	+ 0.52	2.13
Ever Sml Cos Acc	457.04	486.21	+ 0.93	2.13
Ever Recovery Inc	64.13	68.22	+ 0.02	1.99
Ever Recovery Acc	66.93	71.20	+ 0.02	1.99
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	494.20	524.40	- 0.10	1.86
UK Inc/Gth #	528.60	560.80	+ 0.40	3.42
UK Income #	378.40	401.50	+ 0.10	4.20
UK Sm Cos	321.50	343.90†	- 0.80	1.71
Euro Gwth	170.10	180.50	- 2.20	0.16
N Amer Gwth	124.20	131.88†	- 1.00	...
Japan Growth	47.60	50.50	- 0.46	...
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist @	640.30	640.30†	+ 0.30	2.51
-do- Accum @	£13.35	£13.35†	+ 1.00	2.51
Equity Income @#	118.50	118.50	- 0.10	4.71
UK Tactical Allocn @	73.71	73.71†	+ 0.07	4.24
European @	155.50	155.50	- 1.80	0.85
Far Eastern @	217.60	217.60	- 1.30	..
Fixed Interest @	54.90	54.90	- 0.02	7.18
Gilt @	91.03	91.03†	+ 0.23	6.29
Global Growth @	81.03	81.03	- 0.61	0.35
Intl Bond @	49.75	49.75	- 0.26	5.37
Japanese @	58.85	58.85	- 0.44	.
North American @	229.40	229.40	- 1.80	0.51
Pacific Growth @	119.90	119.90†	- 0.40	0.18
Pacific Index @	46.76	46.76	- 0.31	..
UK Index @	83.89	83.89†	- 0.01	3.00
UK Recovery @	122.10	122.10†	- 0.10	1.88
UK Smaller Cos @	169.50	169.50	- 0.30	1.12
US Index @	90.50	90.50	- 0.78	1.07
European Index @	98.01	98.01	- 0.99	1.55
Japan Index @	39.51	39.51	- 0.26	..
Worldwide @	182.90	182.90	- 0.30	1.42
LINCOLN UNIT TRUST MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623				
Growth	61.35	65.61	+ 0.07	2.59
Income	71.64	76.62	- 0.01	4.11
Far East	45.27	48.41†	- 0.38	..
North American	130.40	138.20	- 1.50	.
Global	96.12	102.80	- 0.88	0.31
European	107.50	114.70	- 1.00	0.70
Japan	77.16	82.50	- 0.70	.
Intl Currency Bd	55.46	58.76†	- 0.21	4.90
SE Asia	99.86	106.80†	+ 1.10	0.34
UK Cap Growth	111.39	119.00†	- 0.20	1.51
Recovery Trust	96.40	103.10†	+ 0.40	1.37
Managed	75.19	80.41	- 0.26	1.63
Cash	50.47	50.47	+ 0.02	4.33
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	446.50	475.10	- 1.40	2.07
-do- Accum	£10.66	£11.35	- 3.00	2.07
Contl Euro Gth	86.18	90.72	- 1.17	0.19
-do- Accum	93.92	98.24	- 1.27	0.10
Extra Inc #	311.70	331.70	- 0.60	3.95
Extra Inc Acc #	869.30	924.80	- 1.90	3.95
FTSE 100 Inc	136.30	145.10		2.84
FTSE 100 Acc	142.40	151.50	- 0.10	2.64
German Gth	153.70	161.80	- 1.50	..
-do- Accum	161.10	169.60	- 1.60	..
Growth Port	708.30	753.60	- 2.30	0.07
-do- Accum	738.10	785.30	- 2.40	0.07
High Interest Inc	100.10	103.80†	- 0.20	7.50
High Interest Acc	109.40	113.40	- 0.20	7.50
Hi Reserve Inc #	111.20	118.30	- 0.20	5.81
Hi Reserve Acc #	123.90	131.90	- 0.30	5.81
Income Inc #	601.80	640.30†	- 1.30	3.37
Income Acc #	£17.46	£18.58	- 3.00	3.37
Income Port	592.50	630.40†	- 4.80	4.35
-do- Accum	682.60	726.50	- 5.60	4.35
Japan Growth	84.01	88.38	- 0.01	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	84.30	89.69	- 0.01	
Master Trust	71.12	75.65	- 0.19	1.30
-do- Accum	82.17	87.37	- 0.21	1.30
Millennium Acc	102.20	108.80†		2.20
N American Gen	254.50	270.80	- 2.10	
-do- Accum	294.60	313.50	- 2.30	.
NAm Sm Co Rec	168.80	178.80	- 1.50	
-do- Accum	171.40	182.40	- 2.00	...
Pacific Basin	240.50	255.90	- 2.40	0.51
-do- Accum	256.40	272.80	- 2.60	0.51
Safety First Acc	99.10	104.40	- 0.20	2.52
Do until 12/1/98 ‡	90.25			
Small Cos Rec	552.70	581.80†	+ 9.90	1.82
-do- Accum	761.50	810.10	+20.20	1.82
UK Eq Gth	179.80	191.30	- 0.70	2.33
UK Eq Inc #	140.70	149.20†	- 0.30	4.03
UK Growth	115.80	123.20	- 0.20	1.73
-do- Accum	146.40	155.80	- 0.50	1.73
Worldwide Gth	357.20	380.00	- 2.70	0.30
-do- Accum	528.40	562.20	- 3.90	0.30
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	92.78	99.28	- 0.80	0.70
General	117.47	126.04	+ 0.36	2.70
Income	79.55	85.35†	- 0.18	4.80
International	73.88	79.28	- 0.50	0.50
Japan	45.90	49.21	- 0.09	
Tst of Inv Tsts	80.08	85.90†	- 0.02	1.00
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	538.80	563.70	- 8.70	0.41
-do- Accum	668.90	706.40	-10.90	0.41
Amer Recovery	615.00	650.40†	-11.80	0.14
-do- Accum	711.20	752.20†	-13.60	0.14
Amer Smlr Cos	137.10	145.60	- 3.40	
-do- Accum	140.10	148.20	- 3.40	.
Australasian	225.20	238.70	- 1.10	1.98
-do- Accum	285.50	302.10	- 1.40	1.98
Capital	1024.60	1083.50	+ 0.30	2.84
-do- Accum	1236.10	1307.10	+ 0.30	2.84
Charifund	854.60	863.20	+ 2.90	5.56
-do- Accum	4500.30	4545.40	+15.40	5.56
Commodity	497.40	526.00	- 1.90	0.36
-do- Accum	735.50	777.80	- 2.80	0.36
Compound Gth	1176.20	1243.80†	- 2.00	2.80
-do- Accum	1315.40	1390.80†	- 2.30	2.80
Corporate Bond	25.89	26.08†	+ 0.03	7.30
Dividend	47.80	50.59	- 0.10	4.65
-do- Accum	216.60	229.30	- 0.10	4.65
Equity Income	351.90	372.10	- 0.20	5.38
-do- Accum	498.60	527.30	- 0.20	5.38
Euro & General	687.50	727.00	- 5.80	0.66
-do- Accum	883.00	933.60	- 7.50	0.66
Euro Dividend	87.50	92.50	- 0.60	3.57
-do- Accum	112.30	118.20	- 0.70	3.57
Euro Smlr Cos	56.80	60.10	- 0.70	0.50
-do- Accum	58.80	60.10	- 0.70	0.50
Extra Yield	500.10	528.90†	+ 0.70	5.06
-do- Accum	1716.80	1815.60†	+ 2.40	5.06
Fund of Inv Tsts	738.30	780.80	- 0.50	1.55
-do- Accum	1428.20	1508.30	- 1.80	1.55
General	74.20	78.50		3.72
-do- Accum	222.70	235.60		3.72
Gilt Income	62.63	62.72	+ 0.18	6.90
-do- Accum	195.25	195.55	+ 0.57	6.90
Gold	65.40	69.20	+ 0.30	1.01
-do- Accum	78.50	83.00	+ 0.30	1.01
High Income	35.70	37.80	.	4.69
-do- Accum	155.50	164.80	...	4.69
Intl Growth	90.90	96.10	- 0.70	0.82
-do- Accum	161.00	170.20	- 1.40	0.82
International Inc	114.40	121.00†	- 0.30	4.37
-do- Accum	186.00	196.80†	- 0.50	4.37
Japan & Gen	30.40	32.00	- 0.20	
-do- Accum	32.60	34.40	- 0.20	.
Japan Smlr Cos	106.30	112.40†	- 0.30	...
-do- Accum	107.10	113.20†	- 0.30	..
Managed Gwth	27.80	29.30	- 0.20	1.63
Managed Income	31.40	33.00†	.	4.77
Midland	62.40	66.00†	- 0.10	3.16
-do- Accum	222.10	235.00†	- 0.40	3.16
Pension Ex	1169.70	1199.00	- 1.00	4.09
Recovery	49.30	52.10	- 0.10	2.91
-do- Accum	85.60	90.50	- 0.10	2.91
Second General	79.20	83.80		3.82
-do- Accum	219.00	231.80	...	3.82
Smaller Cos	68.00	71.90	- 0.30	3.11
-do- Accum	142.80	151.20	- 0.60	3.11
Sth East Asia	390.10	412.50	+ 2.40	1.26
-do- Accum	523.40	553.50	+ 3.20	1.26
Treasury	25.11	25.15†	+ 0.01	5.89
Trustee	46.70	49.40†	+ 0.10	4.97
-do- Accum	207.00	219.30†	+ 0.50	4.97
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	108.96	115.91†	- 1.35	0.53
Intl Bond	62.40	65.55	- 0.16	4.96
Intl Equity Growth	86.69	92.10	- 0.70	0.61
N Amer Growth	142.47	151.34†	- 1.40	0.85
Special Sits Growth	30.67	32.62†	- 0.03	2.09
UK Growth	501.56	533.56†	- 0.82	2.58
-do- Accum	699.55	744.30	- 1.14	2.58
NW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1483.40	1506.20	..	3.30
Income #	1080.30	1096.60	...	4.50
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	181.80	185.50†	+ 3.20	3.34
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
High Inc #	95.08	98.82	- 0.16	5.79
M & S Inv Ptflio	187.50	193.30	- 0.20	2.40
-do- Accum	224.70	231.60	- 0.30	2.40
UK Sel Ptflio	171.40	176.70	+ 0.10	2.37
-do- Accum	208.70	215.10	+ 0.10	2.37
UK 100 Cos	129.80	129.80†	+ 0.20	2.49
-do- Accum	133.00	133.00†	+ 0.20	2.49
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	71.18	75.70		3.51
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4846				
Intl Income	90.33	95.88†	- 0.38	3.14
European	110.50	117.38	- 1.50	0.81
Income #	91.05	96.67	- 0.32	3.23
Nth American	100.80	108.80	- 1.50	0.02
Far East	178.00	189.00	- 0.90	0.19
Japan	54.16	57.49†	- 0.59	.
Emging Mkts	96.98	103.70	- 0.40	..
Intl Growth	138.60	147.10†	- 1.20	0.29
UK Growth	132.50	140.70	- 0.50	2.15
UK Smlr Co	66.82	71.04	- 0.18	1.32
Asia Pacific	38.62	41.30	- 0.23	0.37
Glob Gwth PEP	68.03	72.21	- 0.56	0.23
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	103.30	109.90†	- 0.50	...
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	502.56	534.84†	+ 0.86	3.29
Global Inc	78.01	82.90†	- 0.21	3.82
Brit Leaders	409.16	435.28†	+ 1.42	1.66
Intl Leaders	238.42	253.64†	- 2.25	0.69
PMM Mg Bal Gth	74.13	77.02†	+ 1.89	0.35
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	288.10	304.00	- 4.80	..
-do- Accum	308.00	325.10	- 5.00	..
American Opps	109.69	116.90	- 0.20	..
-do- Accum	111.00	118.40	- 0.20	..
British Blue Chip	106.00	112.80†		3.67
-do- Accum	138.30	146.80†	- 0.20	2.67
Cash	100.30	100.30†	+ 0.100	5.54
-do- Accum	152.00	152.00†	+ 0.100	5.54
Emerging Mkts	144.90	155.80	- 0.10	0.66
-do- Accum	146.70	157.70	- 0.10	0.66
European Growth	352.40	372.60	- 4.40	0.51
-do- Accum	384.20	406.50	- 4.70	0.51
European Income	95.11	100.70	- 1.00	4.07
-do- Accum	139.20	146.90	- 1.50	4.07
General	642.90	683.70†	- 1.70	2.31
-do- Accum	1333.80	1417.00†	- 3.00	2.31
Global Bond	125.70	132.00	- 0.50	5.38
-do- Accum	170.70	179.40†	- 0.60	5.38
Gold & General	189.50	202.80	- 0.70	0.36
-do- Accum	196.10	209.80	- 0.90	0.36
Govt Securities	55.60	56.55	- 0.08	5.81
-do- Accum	205.30	211.60	- 0.30	5.81
High Yield Bd	102.30	104.80†	...	6.96
-do- Accum	111.70	114.50†	..	6.96
Income	204.70	217.30	- 0.30	4.14
-do- Accum	346.90	368.52	- 0.50	4.14
Inc Portfolio #	117.60	124.40†	..	5.04
-do- Accum #	131.40	139.10†	.	5.04
Intl Opps	561.80	599.30	- 1.60	0.81
-do- Accum	761.00	811.70	- 2.30	0.81
Japan	145.20	154.90	- 1.10	..
-do- Accum	149.10	158.00	- 1.20	...
New Europe	258.80	276.10	- 0.90	1.02
-do- Accum	271.80	289.90	- 0.90	1.02
Pacific	108.10	115.30	- 0.88	0.47
-do- Accum	118.40	124.20	- 0.80	0.47
Recovery	498.20	532.50†	- 1.00	1.83
-do- Accum	664.70	709.00†	- 1.30	1.83
UK Smaller Cos	65.98	70.36	- 0.08	1.44
-do- Accum	76.34	81.43	- 0.11	1.44
Portfolio	98.25	104.20†	- 0.10	2.48
-do- Accum	122.90	130.30†	- 0.30	2.48
Managed Gth	127.20	135.10	- 0.30	1.90
Managed Inc	125.00	129.70	- 0.30	4.11
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
European Plus	167.40	178.08	- 1.97	0.13
Portfolio	85.15	90.58	- 0.13	1.32
UK Income Inc	99.61	105.97†	- 0.12	4.46
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	72.74	76.17†	- 0.11	2.56
-do- Accum	81.48	85.32†	- 0.13	2.56
British Tst	116.20	121.70	+ 0.10	2.24
-do- Accum	142.10	148.80	+ 0.10	2.24
Corp Bond Inc	100.30	103.90	- 0.20	6.55
-do- Accum	105.40	109.20	- 0.20	6.55
Euro High Inc	73.96	77.45†	...	6.68
-do- Accum	163.70	171.40†	..	6.68
FTSE 100 Acc	78.22	81.91	+ 0.05	2.23
FTSE 100 Dist	74.90	78.33	+ 0.05	2.23
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.12	58.40	+ 0.11	6.44
-do- Accum	183.50	191.00	+ 0.40	6.44
High Yield	256.10	268.20	...	5.37
-do- Accum	716.80	750.70	...	5.37
Household Names	102.00	102.50	+ 0.10	2.24
Income	348.90	365.30	+ 0.20	3.72
-do- Accum	832.30	871.50	+ 0.50	3.72
Money Market UT	48.75	48.75	+ 0.02	5.18
-do- Accum	85.15	85.17	+ 0.04	5.18

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Monthly Income	100.90	106.80†	.	4.17
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	149.10	158.80	+ 0.10	1.24
European Growth	148.90	157.70	+ 0.80	0.01
Gilt & Fixed	103.10	108.40	+ 0.20	5.07
Income	114.30	121.60		2.10
Japan Growth	38.80	41.23	- 0.18	..
Managed	89.52	95.23	- 0.20	1.65
Money Market	98.04	104.00	+ 0.10	3.86
North American	116.58	123.50	- 0.20	0.36
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	135.20	143.80	+ 0.10	1.23
European Growth	139.10	147.50	+ 0.80	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	96.90	102.80	+ 0.20	5.11
Income	112.60	116.20	+ 0.10	2.15
Japan Growth	38.79	41.11	- 0.18	..
Managed	85.40	90.94	- 0.19	1.83
Money Market	90.32	95.76	+ 0.05	3.84
North American	104.90	111.20	- 0.20	0.44
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	134.00	142.80	+ 0.10	1.23
European Growth	136.10	144.30	+ 0.70	.
Gilt & Fixed Int	87.13	92.41	+ 0.15	5.34
Income	108.90	115.80		2.21
Japan Growth	39.65	42.03	- 0.18	...
Managed	88.10	93.72	- 0.21	1.85
Money Market	82.02	86.97	+ 0.04	4.00
North American	117.50	124.60	- 0.20	0.34
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	467.30	496.60	- 6.40	.
European Gth Inc	604.70	648.30	- 6.00	.
-do- Accum	611.40	653.30	- 6.07	..
Intl Gwth	235.70	249.70	- 2.20	..
UK Equity Inc	241.20	256.50†	..	4.03
Do. Accum	334.10	355.40†		4.03
UK Growth Inc	139.10	148.90		3.19
-do- Accum	143.40	153.60	+ 0.18	3.19
UK Intl Trckr Inc	211.90	225.80	- 0.10	3.80
-do- Accum	264.60	282.20	- 0.10	3.80
US Eq Ind Tck Inc	300.40	318.60†	- 2.50	0.94
Japan Tracker	55.55	58.57	- 0.53	
Asian Tracker	217.40	234.80†	- 1.58	0.28
Mngd Ptflio Inc	199.60	212.70	- 0.60	1.65
Mngd Ptflio Acc	219.10	233.50	- 0.60	1.66
Deposit Inc	100.19	100.19†	+ 0.03	5.56
Europe	270.90	290.40	- 2.60	
Genesis	227.80	245.80	- 0.60	2.30
High Income	20.85	22.10†	+ 0.02	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	114.80	117.30†	- 0.60	1.96
Acumen Inc	103.30	105.60†	- 0.50	1.96
Acumen Reserve	98.27	99.25†	- 0.04	6.89
-do- Inc	73.75	74.49†	- 0.03	6.89
American Growth	71.96	73.99	- 0.70	.
Equity Income #	114.60	117.00†	- 0.30	3.84
European	90.48	92.18	- 1.19	0.16
Smaller Cos	103.70	108.30	- 0.40	0.93
W'wide Eqty	79.52	81.22	- 0.20	.
Global Bond	41.08	41.51	- 0.20	5.28
UK Growth	125.60	129.20†	- 0.20	1.17
Pacific Growth	112.00	115.44	- 1.06	0.43
Japan Growth	83.75	85.13	- 0.05	.
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 380 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	162.06	172.40	+ 0.09	2.37
For N&P see Abbey National				
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	129.20	136.00	- 2.20	0.23
European Dist	163.50	172.10	- 2.10	0.28
Far East Dist	171.60	180.68	- 1.50	
Global Curr Dist	91.43	96.24	- 0.52	0.48
Oseas Dist	1128.00	1189.30†	-13.00	..
-do- Accum	1468.30	1545.60	-16.00	
UK Dist	469.10	493.80	.	..
-do- Accum	962.90	1013.60	- 0.10	1.64
UK Extra Inc Dist	99.80	105.05	- 0.02	[illegible]
Wwide Dist	120.10	126.40†	- 1.00	0.09
Wwide Inc Dist	90.52	95.28†	- 0.35	1.45
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398				
Europe Inc	85.51	90.25	- 0.99	0.33
Fund of Funds Inc	73.02	77.12	- 0.34	1.34
North America Inc	68.04	71.81	- 0.67	.
UK Equity Gth Inc	75.15	79.31	+ 0.20	1.94
-do- Accum	81.67	86.19	+ 0.17	1.94
UK General Inc	71.79	75.77†	+ 0.17	2.44
-do- Accum	80.44	84.90	+ 0.20	2.44
UK Gilt/Fix Int	47.47	48.69	+ 0.03	6.43
UK Income Inc	71.80	75.97†	+ 0.04	4.01
UK Smlr Cos Inc	126.30	133.30†	+ 0.20	0.97
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0800 614 330 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	53.81	57.24	- 0.97	.
-do- Accum	54.22	57.68	- 0.97	.
Bond	126.26	134.03	- 0.09	5.39
Cash Income	51.06	51.06	+ 0.01	5.38
-do- Accum	70.77	70.77	+ 0.01	5.28
Distributor	113.23	119.71†	+ 0.07	3.78
European	60.46	64.31	- 0.38	.
Foundation	119.56	127.19†	- 0.08	2.46
General Inc	241.20	256.59	- 0.55	1.34
General Acc	244.69	260.30	- 0.56	1.34
Growth Inc	153.63	163.43†	+ 0.14	2.03
Growth Acc	158.41	169.58†	+ 0.15	2.03
Higher Income Inc	34.65	36.88†	- 0.50	4.84
-do- Accum	42.67	45.47†	- 0.04	4.84
Income	288.94	307.38†	- 3.84	3.29
Intrepid	155.49	161.93	...	1.24
Intl Gwth	40.24	42.91†	- 0.03	..
Japan	25.01	26.60	- 0.21	.
Oriental Inc	141.98	151.02	- 3.51	0.97
-do- Accum	147.04	156.42	- 3.63	0.97
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
High Income	50.59	53.52†	- 0.21	5.94
UK Growth	125.50	132.80	.	2.47
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	149.50	156.32†	- 0.53	1.18
UK Equity	184.67	196.20	+ 0.12	2.70
UK Equity Income	166.87	175.65	+ 0.14	3.32
UK Smaller Cos	152.42	160.44	- 0.43	1.22
UK Equity Growth	165.35	174.03†	+ 0.01	1.00
UK Index Tcking	125.35	126.57	+ 0.01	2.66
Intl Index Tcking	107.78	113.45	- 1.52	0.85
International	281.73	296.56†	- 1.63	0.73
European	269.85	284.05	- 2.87	0.17
Pan European	179.54	189.05	- 1.70	0.01
Nth American	257.95	271.53	- 2.34	0.63
N Amer Smr Cos	264.30	278.21	- 1.92	..
Japanese	77.63	81.74	- 0.72	..
Pacific	224.65	236.47	- 0.72	..
South East Asia	89.69	92.82†	- 1.09	0.56
Sterling Bond	100.97	105.26†	+ 0.17	7.05
Intl Bond	124.10	130.63	- 0.63	5.08
Gilt & Convertible	110.85	116.46†	+ 0.19	6.08
Property	87.50	92.10	+ 0.05	5.30
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
[illegible]				
European Inc	375.90	403.90	- 3.60	0.12
-do- Accum	399.20	428.90	- 3.80	0.12
Japan Inc	87.01	92.78	[illegible]	
Nth American Inc	165.20	178.00	- 1.30	0.04
Worldwide Inc	187.70	200.40	- 1.20	0.12
Hong Kong Inc	271.60	291.70	- 0.90	1.08
Swiss Equity	94.60	100.80†	+ 0.20	..
Wwide Bond Inc	65.64	68.38†	- 0.19	5.21
Emging Asia Inc	180.80	195.20	- 1.50	.
-do- Accum	182.20	196.50	- 1.50	.
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.50	50.50†	+ 0.02	5.20
New Zealand Inc	100.00	107.10	- 0.20	2.08
Int Mngd PEP Inc	75.50	80.69†	- 0.28	0.35
Latin Am Gth Inc	77.20	82.60†	- 0.27	0.65
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.47
Broker Unit Trusts				
Way Global Gwth	84.56	90.50	- 0.18	.
Global Portfolio	74.12	78.27	- 0.13	.
Way Global Bal	66.07	70.71	- 0.08	.
Marsh Global Gth	65.83	70.87†	- 0.05	.
AMR Brit Gwth	117.10	125.10†	- 0.20	0.69
Temple Equity	51.82	55.50	- 0.05	0.69
Henley Growth	131.40	139.80	.	0.27
Intl Growth Inc	85.51	91.03	- 0.21	..
IPS Portfolio Inc	94.05	100.40	- 0.20	.
Premier Portfolio	71.29	76.03	.	1.28
Roxburgh Stal Gth	79.06	84.56	- 0.21	0.33
International Stal	64.04	69.40†	- 0.73	.
UFC Growth	56.20	60.79†	- 0.30	..
Chatfield Port of Fds	57.27	60.71	- 0.05	..
Lowes Intl Gth	49.39	51.59	- 0.04	.
PM UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3983				
Equity Gth	256.00	273.30	- 1.10	1.41
European Gth	142.20	150.90†	- 1.40	0.48
Income & Gth #	188.00	200.90	- 0.80	2.95
Japan Gth	88.11	93.73†	- 0.61	..
Nth Amer Gth	229.00	242.40†	- 2.60	0.02
Overseas Gth	129.90	139.90†	- 1.00	.
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 526 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	302.30	322.50	- 0.80	1.83
-do- Accum	670.80	713.60	- 1.80	1.83
Growth	197.60	207.80	- 0.50	2.07
Income	288.90	306.60	- 0.80	2.80
Intl Equity	286.70	304.90	- 2.00	0.25
-do- Accum	321.80	341.50	- 2.10	0.25
UK Income #	78.31	82.68	- 0.20	4.88
UK Intl 25	101.30	101.30†	- 0.30	1.35
New Europe	112.70	119.80	- 1.50	..
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	729.40	778.51	- 1.97	0.05
-do- Accum	734.00	784.35	- 1.98	0.05
Income	499.29	532.97	+ 2.20	3.67
Wwide Recovery	473.94	506.89	- 0.82	0.60
Amer Growth Inc	232.20	247.60	- 4.10	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3927				
American	134.36	142.84	- 0.30	.
European	105.02	111.72	- 0.37	.
Global	70.88	75.41	- 0.19	..
Pacific	55.02	58.55†	- 0.10	..
UK Inc & Gth	87.94	93.56†	- 0.27	1.45
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 490				
Asia Acc	51.23	54.51†	+ 0.04	0.01
Emerg Mkts	49.88	52.80	- 0.14	0.08
Euro Fund Acc	48.97	52.17	- 0.12	0.01
Fund of Funds Acc	71.38	75.94	- 0.15	0.54
Fund of Funds Inc	210.18	222.42	- 0.56	0.54
High Income #	48.78	50.62†	+ 0.12	5.43
Performance	51.28	54.51†	- 0.11	.
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	184.01	191.28	+ 0.37	2.17
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 252 443				
American Inc	128.40	136.60	- 1.40	[illegible]
Conv & Gilt	124.60	132.50	+ 0.50	4.83
Euro Spe Sit Inc	105.20	111.50	..	3.19
Extra Income	192.40	204.70†	- 0.40	4.47
-do- Accum	255.50	271.80	- 0.60	4.47
Far East	386.70	411.30	- 2.00	0.59
-do- Accum	394.80	419.80	- 2.00	0.59
Global Income	29.80	31.72	- 0.02	4.06
High Income	145.90	154.80†	- 0.50	4.26
-do- Accum	190.40	202.50	- 0.70	4.26
International	221.50	235.60	- 1.80	0.09
-do- Accum	231.70	245.50	- 1.80	0.09
Pref & Fxd Int	45.90	46.83†	+ 0.02	6.93
Recovery	98.72	105.00	- 0.50	2.29

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	160.90	171.10	- 0.80	1.59
-do- Accum	179.50	190.90	- 0.80	1.59
Technology	633.20	673.50	- 7.10	...
UK Blue Chip	97.45	103.70	- 0.19	2.82
-do- Accum	114.80	122.10	- 0.10	2.82
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
UT Dealing: 0345 406000 Client Enq: 0345 686500				
Managed Tst	47.17	49.88	- 0.11	1.43
Cash Haven Inc	101.68	102.18	+ 0.04	4.99
Cash Haven Acc	121.53	122.12	+ 0.04	4.99
Dist Trust Inc	109.55	113.84†	- 0.08	5.49
Dist Trust Acc	127.56	132.19†	- 0.09	5.49
Global Growth	110.39	117.44	- 0.35	1.06
Equity Inc	97.02	103.21	- 0.17	4.13
Equity	957.24	£10.18†	+ 0.51	2.20
European	299.04	300.56	- 3.21	0.63
High Income	98.87	105.18†	+ 0.05	4.89
Intl Gth	226.16	240.60	- 1.42	0.02
Intl Sm Co	97.23	103.44†	- 0.60	0.46
Japanese	163.94	169.69†	- 1.72	.
Mgd Income Tst #	48.57	50.24†	- 0.03	8.02
Nth Amer	256.80	266.24	- 1.61	1.04
Pacific Mkts	113.98	118.12	+ 0.60	0.59
Premier Inc	47.90	49.60†	+ 0.10	6.60
Sm Cos	115.04	122.38†	- 0.28	1.86
Spec Sits	138.54	147.38	- 0.02	2.33
UK Growth	163.06	173.47	+ 0.12	2.21
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	90.63	95.30†	+ 0.19	3.38
Investment Trust	124.91	131.35†	+ 0.01	0.57
UK Smaller Cos	119.43	125.58	- 0.32	1.36
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	368.10	390.40†	- 0.80	2.82
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
Five Arrows Funds				
America (Inc)	712.29	754.80	- 7.80	0.08
America (Acc)	834.59	884.40	- 9.14	0.08
Amer Smlr Cos	62.05	66.01	- 0.45	
Asia	51.91	55.70	- 0.35	
European	438.18	465.14	- 5.34	0.07
Japan	180.69	192.22	- 0.99	.
Jap Smlr Cos	28.61	30.53	+ 0.09	.
Major UK Cos	132.63	141.36	- 0.47	1.66
Smlr UK Cos	450.81	480.88†	- 0.96	0.79
UK Equity Inc #	203.00	216.83	- 0.31	4.02
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	50.64	52.88	- 0.17	
Cash	48.41	50.41		2.84
Emerging Mkts	53.19	55.56	- 0.14	
Europe	67.22	70.20	- 0.49	
Global Fixed Int #	48.89	51.05	- 0.18	5.31
Japan	33.88	35.38	- 0.19	.
North America	69.35	72.42	- 0.49	
UK	71.81	74.99	- 0.23	0.53
UK Equity Inc #	66.06	70.14	- 0.21	3.49
UK Fixed Int #	51.60	53.89	- 0.13	7.10
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Gth Port	53.83	55.78	- 0.24	.
Pep Inc Port #	54.25	56.21	- 0.18	2.90
RAM Personal Pension				
Deposit	92.55	97.42	+ 0.04	.
Gilt	105.21	110.74	- 0.10	
Managed	126.33	132.97	+ 1.00	...
Portfolio	52.91	55.69	- 0.23	.
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	127.80	135.70	- 1.50	0.31
Pacific Basin	75.23	80.84	- 0.80	0.32
High Inc Dist	175.10	186.70†	- 0.70	3.79
Ryl Life Intl Eqty	64.48	68.05	- 0.22	4.17
Ryl Life Intl Fxd	75.95	81.24	- 0.12	0.09
Ryl Life Intl Spec	72.84	77.48	- 0.50	
UK Emerging Cos	147.90	158.00	- 0.30	1.30
UK Index Trckg	219.10	232.90	- 0.20	3.42
European	186.60	200.00	- 2.30	0.17
Managed	190.80	206.10	- 1.10	0.85
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	206.40	219.20	- 2.20	1.11
Euro Growth	153.30	162.40	- 1.10	1.73
Far East Growth	148.10	157.50	+ 0.30	0.79
Japan Growth	98.98	105.29†	- 0.61	..
Special Sits	277.40	295.10†	..	1.57
UK Growth	114.80	122.10	- 0.60	2.55
Intl Growth	291.40	310.00†	- 1.50	1.65
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 8500				
Far East Inc	164.00	173.50		0.54
Str Euro Prog Inc	472.20	499.70		0.84
-do- Accum	741.60	784.30	..	0.84
Growth Inc	163.00	172.50	..	0.66
-do- Accum	167.60	177.40	..	0.66
International Inc	430.70	455.80	..	0.83
-do- Accum	595.00	630.70	..	0.83
Nth Am & Inc	422.60	447.20	..	0.02
UK Gen Prog Inc	275.00	291.00		1.54
-do- Accum	318.70	337.20	..	1.54
UK High Inc	163.50	173.00		4.14
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	126.71	134.80†	- 0.79	0.75
European Gwth	103.15	108.73	- 0.97	1.00
Global Bd	59.23	62.62†	- 0.12	5.00
Japan	44.01	46.61†	- 0.08	
UK Gwth	95.51	101.60	- 0.20	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 727 770				
Amer Smlr Cos	141.10	150.10	- 1.10	
Cash	138.80	138.80†		5.47
China Dragon	77.10	82.00	- 0.10	1.08
Commodity	141.40	150.40	+ 1.10	..
Emerging Mkts	41.95	44.63	- 0.15	0.40
European Gwth	263.20	280.00	- 3.50	0.60
Euro Smlr Cos	76.30	81.27	- 0.62	.
Extra Income #	60.06	63.80	- 0.15	5.59
Far Eastern	80.79	86.12	- 1.00	..
FE Sm Cos	41.45	44.10	- 0.08	..
Financial Secs	354.18	376.70	- 1.90	1.10
Gold & Exploration	85.66	91.13	- 0.76	..
Growth	483.50	485.90	- 2.70	1.71
High Income	46.86	49.83	- 0.23	7.39
Intl Bond	152.40	160.90†	- 0.29	5.43
ITD	247.80	263.40†	..	0.97
Japan Growth	130.90	141.00	- 0.90	..
Japan Smaller	127.90	135.90†	- 1.40	..
Korea	38.06	40.49	- 1.00	..
Latin America	64.18	68.28	+ 0.06	0.39
Masterfund	65.18	66.51	- 0.26	0.65
Premier Eq Gth	183.30	195.00	- 0.40	1.06
Premier Eq Inc #	396.00	423.40	- 1.40	4.53
SE Asia	140.60	150.90	- 1.00	0.62
Smaller Cos Inc	57.61	61.29	- 0.08	1.09
UK & O'seas	112.80	120.00	- 0.20	0.88
UK Eqty Gth	211.80	225.30	- 1.20	1.27
UK Eqty Inc #	80.50	85.40†	- 0.21	3.27
UK Gth & Inc #	282.70	300.70	- 0.90	[illegible]
UK Sm Cos	62.83	66.63	- 0.16	1.03
US Growth	225.70	240.10	- 1.60	..
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	362.82	393.57	- 3.27	0.52
-do- Accum	401.81	424.79	- 3.62	0.52
European	97.53	103.41	- 0.91	0.61
Euro Smlr Cos	119.08	127.10	- 1.02	0.36
Far Eastern Gth	110.38	116.76	- 0.25	..
-do- Accum	120.35	127.20	- 0.26	..
Gilt & Fixed Int #	52.19	54.59†	+ 0.08	7.54
Global Bond #	45.10	47.81	- 0.18	6.50
-do- Accum #	55.32	58.64	- 0.22	6.50
Global Emrg Mkts	56.87	62.79†	- 0.01	
-do- Accum	59.98	62.91†	- 0.01	
Income #	453.80	484.14†	+ 0.27	4.68
-do- Accum #	£16.86	£18.11	+ 0.01	4.68
Japan Smlr Cos	30.85	32.62	- 0.16	..
-do- Accum	289.22	308.49	- 1.49	..
Japan Enterprise	53.32	59.98†	[illegible]	
Pacific Growth	156.26	164.26	- 1.29	0.47
-do- Accum	162.60	173.26	- 1.34	0.47
Portfolio	100.44	107.09	- 0.20	1.88
-do- Accum	113.61	120.07	- 0.20	1.88
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Strategic Inc	105.53	112.54	- 0.38	2.55
Strategic Acc	110.70	118.11	- 0.38	2.55
Tokyo	118.70	118.17	- 0.82	..
-do- Accum	127.43	135.60	- 0.20	..
UK Enterprise	356.19	379.93	- 0.30	2.38
-do- Accum	446.29	476.04	- 0.39	2.38
UK Equity	329.29	351.24	- 0.21	2.54
-do- Accum	671.54	716.30	- 0.43	2.54
US Smlr Cos	232.69	248.20	- 1.53	..
-do- Accum	232.69	248.20	- 1.53	..
Institutional Funds				
European	312.39	334.22	- 3.25	1.24
-do- Accum	354.54	367.97	- 3.66	1.24
Euro Smlr Cos	49.50	52.73	- 0.49	0.85
-do- Accum	51.05	54.39	- 0.49	0.85
Global Equity Inc	93.90	97.79†	- 0.73	[illegible]
Japan Smlr Cos	27.97	29.19	- 0.13	0.02
-do- Accum	27.97	29.46	- 0.14	0.02
Mngd Balanced	232.20	241.82	- 0.80	2.22
-do- Accum	277.64	289.28	- 0.95	[illegible]
Overseas Equity	222.16	231.41	- 1.93	1.01
-do- Accum	233.53	243.73	- 2.03	1.01
Oseas Smlr Cos	134.95	140.73	- 1.37	0.03
-do- Accum	142.30	149.17	- 1.37	0.03
Pacific	274.53	285.96†	- 2.15	1.37
-do- Accum	327.54	340.25†	- 2.70	1.37
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Index	203.73	212.21	+ 0.55	3.25
-do- Accum	228.74	238.26	+ 0.62	3.25
UK Smlr Cos	155.55	162.03	- 0.52	2.37
-do- Accum	174.10	181.44	- 0.60	2.37
US Smlr Cos	94.11	98.40	- 0.82	..
-do- Accum	96.89	98.71	- 0.41	[illegible]
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	64.79	68.42	- 0.31	3.67
Equity Trust	84.82	88.90	- 0.50	2.74
[illegible]	113.47	119.42†	- 0.41	1.17
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Smaller Cos	86.60	91.58	- 0.21	1.09
[illegible]	59.24	101.82	+ 0.03	6.44
Japanese	59.50	63.02	- 0.40	..
Asia Pacific	118.05	125.72	[illegible]	
American	148.31	154.72	- 1.89	0.10
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	34.13	34.13†	+ 0.01	5.55
UK Eq Gwth Inc	68.05	72.51†	- 0.07	3.00
-do- Accum	92.24	98.40†	- 0.09	3.00
Intl Income	304.31	322.88†	- 2.11	1.42
-do- Accum	540.45	575.22†	- 3.75	1.42
European	111.55	118.77	- 1.15	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Far East Tact	84.25	89.88	- 0.55	1.38
Ethical Inc	44.12	47.19†	- 0.04	1.56
UK Blue Chip	55.60	59.04	- 0.15	1.98
UK Equity Inc	45.80	48.65†	- 0.03	4.17
UK Global Inc	94.89	98.99	- 0.24	[illegible]
Wwide Tact	87.03	92.63†	- 0.80	0.64
Europe Tactical	77.95	82.90	- 0.87	0.94
Technology	150.89	160.22†	- 3.35	0.71
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	536.80	571.90	+ 0.20	2.89
American	362.00	384.50	- 4.80	0.29
Pacific	372.00	397.90	- 4.50	[illegible]
European	462.20	491.00	-10.50	0.77
Worldwide	182.40	189.50	- 1.30	0.41
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	361.80	384.00	+ 0.30	1.86
-do- Accum	479.50	510.90	+ 0.40	1.86
UK Sgr Co Eq Inc	309.40	329.20	- 1.10	1.27
-do- Accum	322.50	343.80	- 1.20	1.27
Select Opportunities	94.50	100.70	- 0.20	1.73
Income Plus Inc	81.58	87.43	+ 0.17	2.96
European Inc	543.70	577.70	- 4.50	1.02
Far Eastern Inc	172.70	183.80	- 1.20	1.32
-do- Accum	200.90	213.80	- 1.40	1.32
Japanese Inc	49.85	53.04	- 0.26	..
Nth American Inc	342.20	363.90	- 3.30	0.45
-do- Accum	379.80	403.90	- 3.70	0.45
Intl Growth Inc	230.20	244.80	- 1.80	0.66
Wwide Venture Inc	98.13	104.40	- 0.75	0.66
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	494.20	511.60	- 2.80	2.33
-do- Accum	758.00	792.40	- 3.80	2.33
UK High Inc	235.60	249.10	- 0.80	2.49

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	369.10	390.00	- 1.40	2.26
Europe Inc	512.50	541.40	- 8.70	0.64
Nth Amer Inc	328.60	347.20	- 4.80	0.15
Global Inc	258.00	272.60	- 4.10	
Global Acc	279.20	294.90	- 4.40	.
UK Spec Sits Inc	147.40	156.70	- 0.70	1.66
Sth East Asia	213.20	225.30	- 1.20	0.27
Cash Trust Inc	101.80	101.80	+ 0.10	5.35
UK Smlr Cos Inc	132.90	140.40	- 0.40	1.67
-do- Accum	148.70	148.60	- 0.40	1.61
Intl Bond Inc	88.14	92.68	- 0.40	4.91
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	173.10	182.20	- 2.20	0.28
Nth American	143.50	151.00	- 2.50	..
Intl Bond & Conv	129.00	135.80	- 0.20	6.55
Pooled Pension (E)	250.90	269.60	- 0.80	2.01
Smaller Cos	126.40	133.10	- 0.30	0.75
UK General #	182.70	192.30	- 0.70	2.04
Far Eastern	85.12	89.60	- 0.27	.
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6225				
Continental	97.10	102.50	- 1.80	0.03
Global Gwth	82.01	86.94	- 0.68	1.17
Inv Tst Port	60.54	64.40	- 0.12	2.39
Managed	£13.82	£14.50		1.50
Pref Inc #	108.80	115.70†	- 0.20	5.86
Smaller Cos	300.80	320.00	- 0.90	0.85
Ireland SIB Recognised				
UK Equity Inc ‡	105.50	†	- 0.15	4.63
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.43	†	+ 0.04	5.26
Corporate Inc ‡	101.25	†	- 0.12	5.30
Tst Pep ‡	112.38	†	- 0.09	.
Asian ‡	77.79	†	+ 0.31	
Amer Gth Fund ‡	136.02	†	- 2.04	
European ‡	173.13	†	- 1.64	.
Global Bond ‡	85.03	†	- 0.22	7.29
Samurai ‡	48.22	†	- 0.40	
UK Growth ‡	114.14	†	- 0.15	2.71
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	108.58	†	- 0.01	2.94
Investment Trust ‡	115.46	†	- 0.03	2.34
The Football Fd ‡	94.73		+ 0.17	..
Reserve Roll Up ‡	97.00		...	
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	397.00	420.10	+ 1.70	
Capital	155.10	164.10	- 0.70	1.27
Cash	100.42	100.42†	+ 0.01	5.41
European	175.20	185.30	- 1.80	0.48
Far Eastern	154.70	163.00	+ 0.80	
Growth	182.10	192.60	- 1.10	1.20
Income #	147.70	156.20	- 0.50	4.80
Magnum	163.80	173.40	- 0.60	1.26
Smlr Secs	628.10	664.60†	- 0.40	0.12
Thoroughbred	190.20	201.20†	- 0.80	1.14
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 435000				
Capital Prmnce	59.18	63.25	- 0.08	7.00
Ethical	88.93	95.08†	- 0.23	0.64
European Growth	86.21	91.41	- 0.74	.
Income	67.38	72.06	- 0.14	3.21
Intl Growth	108.60	116.10	- 0.90	0.06
Managed	95.56	101.70	- 0.50	0.36
UK Growth	84.88	90.56	- 0.18	1.30
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 39 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	46.67	49.92	- 0.30	1.10
Global Advtg Acc	53.21	53.48	- 0.30	1.10
Income Advtg Inc	39.69	39.89†	- 0.20	3.56
Income Advtg Acc	46.91	47.15	- 0.20	3.55
UK Equity Gth Acc	112.68	118.40	- 0.60	1.48
Premier Inc Inc	49.30	51.03†	- 0.10	7.36
Premier Inc Acc	54.36	56.27	- 0.10	7.36
Managed Acc	67.98	72.26	- 0.30	1.29
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	44.80	47.28†	- 0.10	4.26
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	60.45	64.08	- 0.20	4.26
UK Smlr Cos Acc	50.75	53.80	+ 0.10	0.20
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	87.20	92.65	- 0.40	1.78
UK Equity Gen Inc	61.96	65.84†	- 0.30	1.78
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	31.36	33.18†	- 0.10	6.76
Oseas Eq Gen Acc	361.40	382.20	- 2.50	1.53
Nth American Acc	60.64	64.44	- 0.60	0.05
Pacific Basin Acc	43.59	46.32	- 0.30	0.65
European Acc	53.36	57.33	- 0.80	0.15
Japan Acc	22.45	23.86	..	0.01
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	4.769	5.065†	.	1.83
US Eqts (US$)	3.804	4.033	..	0.74
Far East Eqts (yen)	259.20	274.20		
FT Europe	168.20	178.70	.	1.10
FT N Amer (US$)	2.885	3.057	..	
FT Japan (yen)	185.30	195.80	..	
FT Asia Ex Jap (US$)	2.036	2.119	.	0.97
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	484.20	512.30	- 5.20	
British #	1372.30	1456.20	+ 0.90	2.56
Emging Mkts	187.10	199.30	- 0.10	0.42
Euro Smalr Cos	64.45	68.64	- 0.49	0.58
Japan	104.10	110.40	- 0.50	
New Pacific	431.10	456.70	- 4.20	1.14
-do- Accum	464.40	494.60	- 4.60	1.14
Inv Trust Acc	315.20	334.10	- 0.20	1.86
Mngd Equity	213.40	225.60	- 0.50	1.95
Mngd Cash	95.71	95.71	+ 0.03	5.46
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 389				
Equity	1172.00	1253.00	..	1.75
North America	191.00	204.10	- 2.30	..
Far East	155.70	166.50	- 0.70	..
Wwide Bond	55.06	58.40†	- 0.16	5.70
European	160.80	171.90	- 1.90	0.40
Equity Income #	121.10	129.50	+ 0.10	4.46
Portfolio	118.90	127.10†	- 0.60	1.20
UK Leading Cos	88.38	94.22	+ 0.14	2.18
High Inc Bond	50.70	50.78	- 0.03	6.57
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	79.31	84.82	- 0.10	..
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Actvest UT	23.07	24.55	- 0.29	0.55
Corp Bd Gilt Inc	99.65	103.04†	- 0.18	6.95
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc	104.17	[illegible]	- 0.19	6.95
European	55.79	59.36	- 0.22	0.64
High Income	37.62	40.03†	+ 0.01	3.67
Japan	29.30	31.39	- 0.25	0.01
Managed Assets	151.16	161.67	- 0.27	2.54
North American	48.09	51.17	- 0.77	0.30
Smll Co's Inc	39.64	42.18	- 0.13	1.93
Smll Co's Acc	43.65	46.34	- 0.15	1.93
UK Growth Inc	70.36	74.85	+ 0.02	2.22
UK Growth Acc	80.38	85.52	+ 0.03	2.22
UK Income	49.79	53.16	+ 0.02	2.99
Worldwide Gth	42.85	45.83	- 0.39	0.21
SLC Pensions Funds				
Asian & Oceanic Ex	31.81	32.59†	- 0.35	1.27
European Exempt	108.08	112.06	- 1.12	1.26
Japan Exempt	25.61	26.41	- 0.24	0.13
US Exmpt	98.54	101.59†	- 1.23	1.20
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	59.38	63.17	- 0.15	..
Cap Protector Inc	52.80	56.17†	+ 0.11	2.79
UK Income Inc	67.49	71.80	+ 0.15	3.20
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	36.20	38.40†	+ 0.01	6.69
Mngd High Yld Inc	99.97	106.34	+ 0.06	4.42
Mngd IntlGth Inc	96.70	102.87	+ 0.11	3.30
UK Smaller Cos	44.48	47.30	- 0.13	1.70
Pacific Grth Port	50.40	53.62	- 0.36	0.69
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	315.20	334.40	- 2.18	
-do- Accum	346.05	368.32	- 2.40	
Bal Growth	131.28	139.92†	- 0.19	1.64
-do- Accum	165.40	175.03†	- 0.24	1.64
European	137.80	145.81	- 1.23	0.01
-do- Accum	147.18	155.75	- 1.31	0.01
Extra Income #	226.41	239.58	- 0.17	4.58
-do- Accum #	423.04	447.66	- 0.31	4.58
Smaller Cos	97.04	103.33	- 0.05	0.75
-do- Accum	112.22	118.75	- 0.06	0.75
General	388.38	408.66	- 0.84	1.81
-do- Accum	832.81	881.29	- 1.38	1.81
Premier Income	51.11	53.24†	+ 0.04	6.70
-do- Accum	132.55	138.08†	- 0.26	6.70
Income #	412.09	436.06	- 0.22	3.55
-do- Accum #	968.20	£10.24	- 0.52	3.55
Pacific	378.40	400.04	- 1.76	0.50
-do- Accum	397.23	420.35	- 1.84	0.50
International	637.61	675.83†	- 3.37	0.14
-do- Accum	843.04	892.11†	- 4.44	0.14
Nat Resources	165.06	175.61†	- 0.71	0.51
Gilt Oppos	139.85	147.99†	- 0.26	0.93
-do- Accum	185.05	195.89†	- 0.34	0.93
Environmental Inv	91.38	96.44	+ 0.13	0.75
Selector	79.86	84.51†	- 0.15	1.43
-do- Accum	92.81	98.27†	- 0.17	1.43
High Income #	74.96	79.02	- 0.05	4.50
-do- Accum #	104.02	109.71	- 0.07	4.50
Intl Income	61.55	65.14†	- 0.14	4.88
-do- Accum	63.84	66.91†	- 0.20	4.88
Selector Income	69.42	73.46†	- 0.08	4.34
-do- Accum	89.90	95.04†	- 0.11	4.34
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0181 667 1010				
British	450.84	474.57	- 0.41	2.41
European	84.04	88.60	- 0.50	1.26
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	252.05	268.72	- 0.48	2.37
Glob Balncd Inc	203.74	215.59†	- 0.92	3.48
Value Est Inc	157.92	167.20	- 0.60	2.29
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	49.12	49.71	- 0.22	6.50
European Growth	363.73	386.86†	- 1.32	0.00
Exempt	736.18	782.47†	- 1.37	3.00
Global Em Mkts	56.20	59.59	- 0.46	0.08
Japan Tst	68.68	71.88†	- 0.82	..
Little Dragons	115.40	120.83†	- 0.54	..
Nth Amer Gwth	323.56	339.22	- 3.40	0.50
Oriental Income	47.73	49.97†	- 0.09	[illegible]
Preference	39.68	42.12†	+ 0.09	8.70
Tiger	292.87	306.67†	- 2.25	..
UK Blue Chip	87.05	91.15	+ 0.06	1.70
UK Growth	732.34	767.47	- 1.32	0.90
UK High Yield #	127.35	133.25†	+ 0.25	5.20
UK Mid-Cap	353.78	372.54†	- 1.13	1.60
UK Smlr Cos	148.41	155.59	- 0.31	0.70
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WEBER'S
DER FREISCHÜTZ
Reviewed by
John Deathridge

The atmosphere of forest and legends in Carl Maria von Weber's opera *Der Freischütz* made it hugely popular in the 19th century. The opera itself became something of a legend, quoted in speeches by Bismarck and famous for melodies that became household tunes all over Europe. Modern sensibilities, however, have been less willing to suffer its satanic images and yearning for hearth and homeland.

There are nine versions available, all two-CD sets. Some of the more satisfying performances are in the hands of conductors, such as Robert Heger (EMI CMS 5 65757-2) and Eugen Jochum (DG 439 717-2), steeped in the older performing tradition of the opera in Germany. Jochum's version with the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra is occasionally marred by cuts, while the singers — including Kurt Bohme, Irmgard Seefried and Rita Streich — are often golden voices on display, not always in touch with what they are singing about. But at budget price it is excellent value.

Nikolaus Harnoncourt: makes Weber sound new

Only three other recordings are worth considering. Carlos Kleiber was the first to try seriously to reinterpret the opera on disc (DG 415 432-2). In trying to shake off the dust of years of tradition, he indulged in too many hectic speeds, and the use of smooth-tongued actors for the spoken dialogue is irritating. Still, its moments of genuine freshness and excitement are a landmark.

Joseph Keilberth's deservedly famous version with the Berlin Philharmonic (EMI CMS 7 69342-2) has stood the test of time much better, despite its audible age. His handling of the music's rhythmic dexterity and Elisabeth Grummer's heart-rending Agathe sweep the listener away.

But neither Kleiber nor Keilberth are a patch on **Nikolaus Harnoncourt**, also with the **Berlin Philharmonic** (Teldec 4509-97758-2, £29.99). Harnoncourt restores the highly differentiated dynamics of Weber's score, ironed out by years of routine. And, on a dramatic level, he shows how primitive superstition about good and evil fares alongside characters who behave psychologically in a modern way. No longer the lovable old warhorse it once was, the opera is full of surprising and unsettling conflict.

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Grimm, but it's a British triumph

OPERA: **Max Loppert** acclaims Roderick Watkins's *Juniper Tree*, premiered at the Munich Biennale

Operas drawn from fairy tale are much in vogue. In case one had missed the point — and such triumphs in the genre as Judith Weir's *Vanishing Bridegroom* for Scottish Opera and *Blond Eckbert* for ENO have been only the tip of the iceberg — the purpose of the fifth Munich Biennale seemed to be to underline it.

Most valuable of the German new-music institutions, the International Festival for Music Theatre masterminded by Hans Werner Henze (in his final season as artistic director) is not just a forcing ground for operatic talent but a weather-vane of operatic trends. It was, we were assured, pure coincidence that the two commissioned pieces — *The Juniper Tree*, by the young Englishman Roderick Watkins, and *Helle Nächte* ("Bright Nights"), by the young German Moritz Eggert — had both been based on fairy tales, the former on Grimm, the latter on *Thousand and One Nights*. But judging by the reasons given by each composer for his choice of subject, a common aim could be a quest for renewed simplicity, clarity and impact. After the extreme complexities that opera attempted in the preceding decades, it is an aim apparently pursued by many other opera-creators of recent times.

This was, however, the only common factor of the 1997 Biennale operas. In other respects they were chalk and cheese, in achievement most of all. Watkins, a student of Henze's, had made only a single previous foray into music-theatre — a rousing retelling of *Jason and the Minotaur*, titled *Labirinto* (1991). But in Munich, in a 70-minute work for 12 London Sinfonietta players and a cast of five, he revealed a real gift for succinct scene-setting and story-telling through music. Eggert's piece, on the other hand — jejune, prolix and undisciplined — cried out for the pruning shears.

The Juniper Tree, one of the nastiest Grimm tales, has inspired operas by Philip Glass and Andrew Toovey as well as Watkins. The reason it attracts composers must lie in the genuine openings it provides for music: at its centre is the song of a magical bird, sung from the juniper tree under which are buried a mother (she died in childbirth) and the bones of her murdered son (his hate-filled stepmother decapitated him, then served him up as a stew to his father). Birdsong, which makes public the gruesome secret, leads the opera to its climax, in which the stepmother is killed and the boy resurrected.

Alison Kettlewell and David Wigram in the world premiere of Roderick Watkins's *The Juniper Tree* in Munich

In Watkins's treatment, birdsong, preceded by an eloquent shiver of electronic sound, is shared between the performers of Boy and Mother. This lends the denouement a poignancy that justified the composer and Patricia Debney, his librettist (and wife), in their claim that it is the "family dynamics" of the tale which concerned them at least as much as its blood-drenched archetypal simplicities.

Watkins writes singing lines precise in character-definition and in laconic lyricism; the piece is predominantly slow-moving and leanly built up — often a single voice is shadowed by a single woodwind or, in the case of the increasingly hysterical Stepmother, jangling percussion — but never thin or devoid of interest. There are passing problems of tone in the libretto which Watkins's musical language consistently makes good.

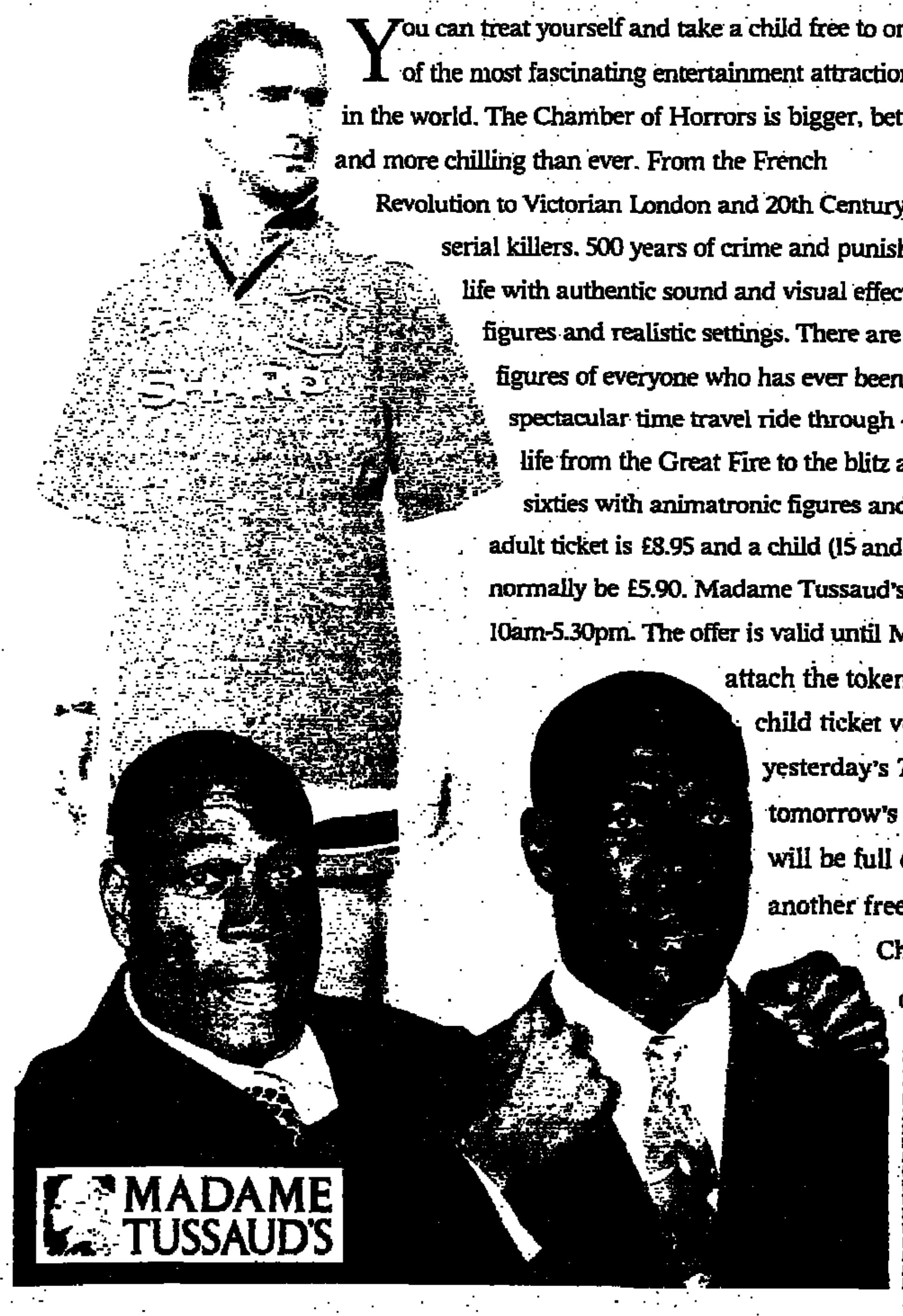
This latest *Juniper Tree* opera is in the best sense a small success, at once unified and "personal" in idiom. Similar qualities marked the engrossing Sinfonietta performance under the remarkable Markus Stenz, and the staging by the British team of David McVicar (producer) and Michael Vale (designer), wonderfully imaginative in its economy of stage space. In the Munich Muffathalle, as in London's Almeida Theatre, where in June the production will be restaged, that is a prerequisite.

> ‘The piece is highly personal in style’

But here it also made for an intimacy, a quiet enchantment, of which instrumentalists and singer-actors, the ever-impressive Robert Poulton, Penelope Walmsley-Clark, Alison Kettlewell and Louise Mott, and the deeply touching boy soprano David Wigram, took full advantage.

By contrast, *Helle Nächte* rambled on for an unbroken 110 minutes, insufferably arch in its fancy (but now horribly over-familiar) postmodern device of employing two actors to narrate and then enter into the framework of four *Thousand and One Nights* tales. In an "anything goes" production, which laid on its stale jokes and feeble sleights-of-hand with a trowel, any point the piece may have hoped to make vanished. But in any case Eggert's talent seemed too slender to sustain it.

The Jugendstil decoration of the magnificently restored Prinzregententheater and an introduction to some promising Munich-based singers were the evening's only consolations. Indeed, of the soprano Simone Schneider, baritone Wolfgang Wirsching and countertenor Charles Maxwell much more will surely be heard.



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LONDON THEATRE: High camp burns in Atlanta; going from verse to bad

Gone too far with the wind-up

Frankly Scarlett
King's Head, N1

On the night of December 10, 1938, David Selznick burnt a vast replica of Atlanta and decided who was going to play Harlot Mascara in *Gone With the Wind*. No, it would not be Katharine Hepburn, whom he ungallantly told: "I can't imagine Rhett Butler chasing you for ten years". It would not be the chaotic Tallulah Bankhead, nor Bette Davis, who rejected the role because she feared Errol Flynn would be playing opposite her. It would be Vivien Leigh, whom Selznick first met, her hair swept back and her eyes dancing with excitement, as the city blazed and the cameras rolled.

That meeting ends *Frankly Scarlett*, but, as Peter Morris and Phillip George have reconceived it, it is scarcely as romantic as it sounds. Leigh is played by an actor who quaintly calls himself Earl Grey. Peter Polycarpou's Selznick has spent much of the day in his underpants, seducing a nun he has mistaken for a Southern girl, and chasing the gossip columnist Hedda Hopper, who has a photo of this encounter. Hepburn has been taped, gagged and shoved into bathrooms, sacks and boxes. Bankhead has survived a shooting, got Hopper high on pot, and ended up in bed with her. December 10 has become a wild, camp farce.

I laughed more than my grimmer-faced colleagues, but not as much as the King's Head aficionados. Farce, even the sort of farce that Morris describes in the programme as "fractured fairy tale", needs more logic than surfaces here. And if farce gets too hectic and harum-scarum, it leaves me feeling the way I did as a child when someone refused to stop tickling my armpits. In other words, *Frankly Scarlett* is over-generous with its comic invention.

Still, that is a nice fault and, if you ignore the sometimes coarse script and take a couple of extra drinks at the bar, you may well have fun. Myself, I enjoyed the macho swagger of Nicholas Colicos's Clark Gable, who thinks his Butler costume "cissy" but is careful to conceal his dentures before assaying a sexual conquest. I did, however, weary of the sequences in which an effeminate costumier gets Gable confused with the gay Southern twin the great actor never knew he had, and ends up alternately kissed and punched. And when Sheila Ballantine's nun started mistaking Bankhead's furry overcoat for a bear, I began to feel the victim of comic overkill.

Phillip George's cast is always game, always energetic, but Earl Grey could distinguish better between the actresses he plays. Were you to come to his Bette Davis blind, you might guess from his staccato yelps whom he is parodying; but his Hepburn, Bankhead and Leigh belong to Rent-a-Pantomime-Dame Inc. If he cut down on the flouncing and worked on the mimicry, it would help the evening a lot.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Doggerel without any bite

Mad for Love
Riverside Studios

OCCASIONALLY, just occasionally, a critic finds himself in a small dark room in a deserted arts centre pointing a loaded pistol at a sickly patient. Does he turn the gun around, put it in his own mouth and blow the back of his head off? Or does he vaporise the victim? It's the futility of doing either that makes the critic dispair.

The young-looking cast of Animus Theatre Company sit on a haystack of impressive sounding credits, but you would never guess it from this insipid production of an underpowered, overwritten Lope de Vega comedy. Clearly, not all that glisters in the Spanish Golden Age is gold.

John Farndon, who directs and gives himself a cameo role, also provides the rhyming verse translation that, while modestly witty, never stretches to an audible laugh.

Two sisters in Madrid — one, Nise (Anneli Harrison), steeped in learning, the other, Finea (Angela Koo), thick as the proverbial two short planks — are contracted to marry partners in which they are not remotely interested. But, for reasons to do with Nise's lack of dowry and Finea's low IQ, Alex Lowe's monkish Liseo and Alexi Kaye Campbell's cad Laurencio secretly agree to swap partners for their mutual self interests. Will the women be won over?

Praised for the modernism of previous translations, Farndon obviously felt compelled to extend that to his design. Two video units showing a test card blue sky hang over a perfectly square sandpit that has an awkward ledge. With the performers dressed in black frock coats or diaphanous dresses, and acting for the most part as if they wished the set was not there, this proves to be an expensive waste.

Hurried exits and entrances lend a fake edge of expectancy to the production. "Let's go" may be the operative stage direction, but every time the plot looks like being wrapped up, De Vega fashions a twist, spinning his tale out like a professional pub bore. The warring Romeos and Juliets get in each others' way; the servants (nicely played by Lucinda Raikes, John Albafiny and Tony Taylor) get the wrong end of the stick.

Ultimately Farndon fails to extract the comedy from his translation because he overindulges everything, most fatally his actors. You don't have to be mad for love, you have to be insane to endure this most prosaic of animated poems.

JAMES CHRISTOPHER

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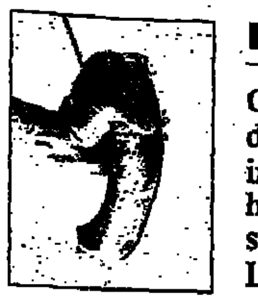

■ VISUAL ART 1

Christine Borland delves obliquely into the dark history of Nazi science at the Lisson Gallery

■ VISUAL ART 2

. . . while, at the South London Gallery, Tracey Emin digs into the traumas of her own life

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■ MUSIC 1

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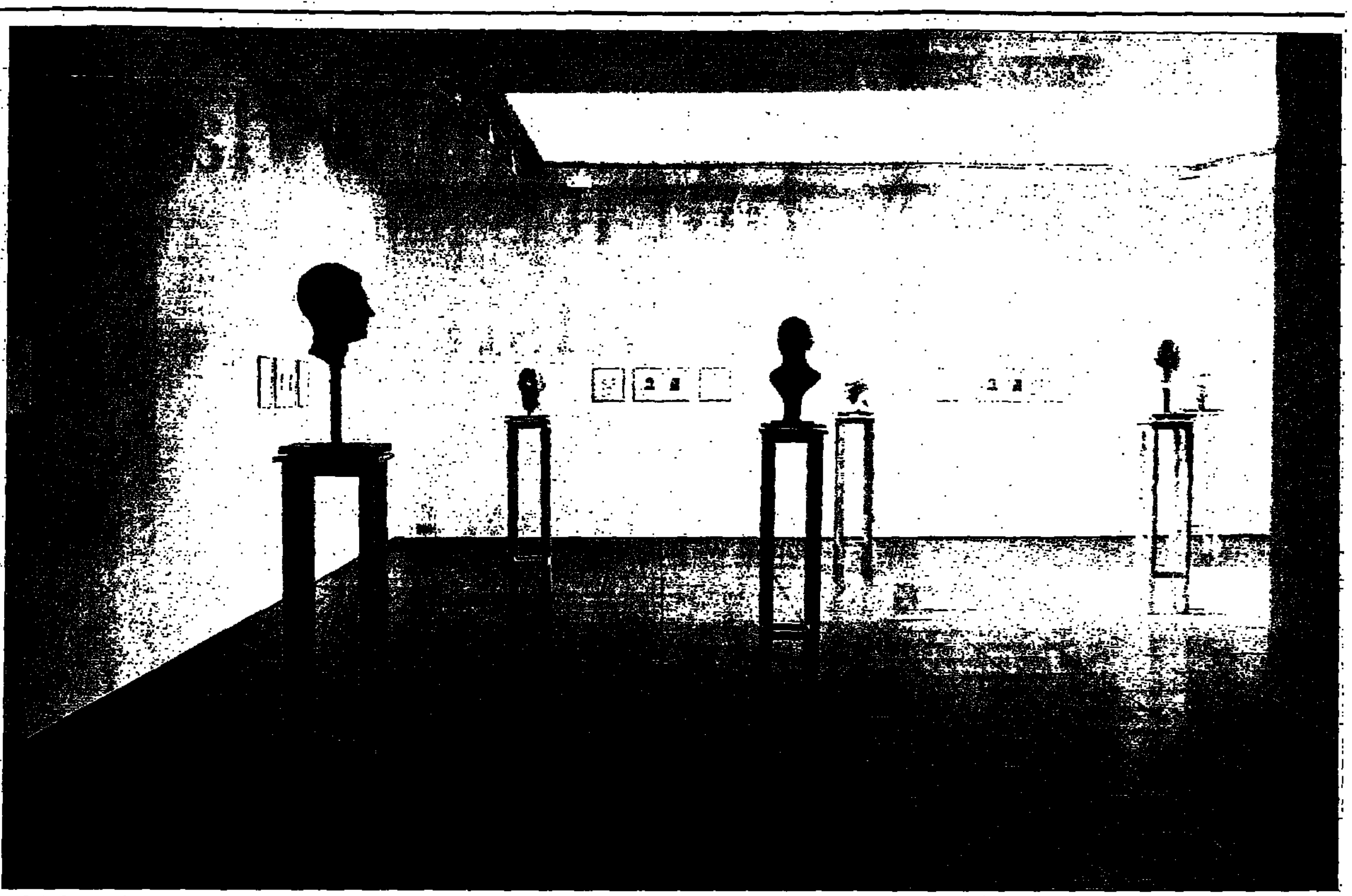
Get some bones, get a life



Christine Borland's *L'Homme Double*: she commissioned six different artists to create a clay head of Nazi criminal Josef Mengele from the same basic information

VISUAL ART: **Richard Cork** visits shows by two pioneering women, one macabre, one autobiographical

Like the reincarnation of a figure from the darkest Jacobean tragedy, Christine Borland is obsessed with bones. But her approach is more forensic than ghoulish. In the early stages of her most haunting work, she was astounded to discover that it was possible to order a real human skeleton through the post. Having paid £900 and received her grisly mail-order acquisition, she set about using crime detection methods to discover the identity of the corpse.

Helped by an osteologist, Borland carefully reassembled the bits and pieces. They revealed that the bones were those of an Asian woman who died at the age of 25 after at least one pregnancy. So for an eerie yet compassionate exhibition in Glasgow, where Borland lives and works, she juxtaposed the bones with a blow-by-blow display of her investigative process. It culminated in a bronze reconstruction by forensic scientists of the dead woman's face — a poignant, posthumous tribute.

Nothing so shocking can be found in Borland's first one-person London exhibition. Throughout the aptly clinical white rooms at the Lisson Gallery, though, the same dedication to a methodical uncovering of the past is detectable. In the most substantial work, *L'Homme Double*, six clay heads by different artists are positioned on plinths. They were commissioned by Borland, who asked each of the sculptors to make a traditional, lifesize portrait of the infamous doctor, Josef Mengele.

Photographs and verbal descriptions of the Nazi war criminal were supplied, but they testify only to his maddening elusiveness. No wonder that the sculptors, confronted by such an enigma, have produced heads notable for their grey, academic sobriety. Although Borland told them that the information she supplied "can be interpreted as freely as you wish", the main differences between them centre on the presence or absence of a moustache and a tie. The macabre and repulsive nature of Mengele's atrocities is wholly at odds with the conventional decency of the faces on view here.

All the same, there is no doubting Borland's readiness to confront and explore even the most gruesome aspects of life. The emotional commitment behind her seeming coolness erupts in the small room next to *L'Homme Double*, where two battered chairs carry photocopies of The Creature's Monologue from Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. We are invited to sit down and read them, and on their covers Borland has printed an impassioned quotation from *Paradise Lost*: "Did I request thee, Maker, From my clay To mould me man? Did I solicit thee From darkness to promote me?"

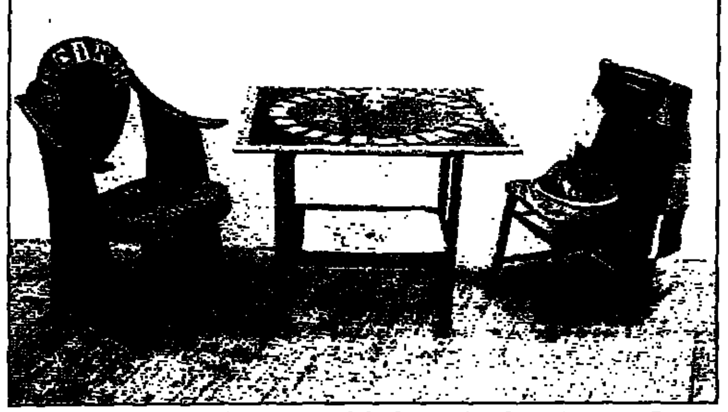
> ❛ Borland confronts gruesome aspects of life ❜

Wandering through the rest of the show, we come across fragmented manifestations of Borland's intense, governing concerns. Some might easily be overlooked — like the replica of a .38 Government Colt Automatic visible, as a blurred form in a blue-striped plastic bag, at the bottom of the shadowy basement stairs. Borland prefers understatement to the rhetoric of Milton or Shelley, and the first-floor gallery yields its contents slowly. The room is in darkness. Here, embedded in the concrete floor, are a dozen brilliant-cut diamonds.

They look randomly scattered at first, but then spectral suggestions of a human form become apparent around them. It seems on the verge of disappearing. But the diamonds turn out to pinpoint its anatomy with surprising precision. They are also another means of reminding us that our bodies can be bought and sold like jewels or any other commodity on the market.

Borland's awareness of corporeal fragility is conveyed most clearly in *Bison-Bison*, a work that takes as its springboard an experiment described in Gray's *Anatomy*. On the long central table, the animal's astonishingly elongated vertebrae extend from one end to the other. It is an awesome spectacle, but Borland has extracted the bones' organic compounds. As a result, they become as light as paper and look ready to crumble at a touch. Towards the far end they have already turned into blue-tinged powder, whereas the bison ribs on the other two tables are orange and surprisingly supple. Their mineral compounds have been removed, leaving them so soft that the artist was able to twist some of the ribs into knots — an unexpectedly playful gesture that highlights the wry, dry humour underlying an exhibition riddled with intimations of mortality.

Tracey Emin, another of the young women who play such a prominent role in the new British art, shares Borland's feeling for vulnerability. But everything in her show at the South London Gallery is focused unabashedly on Emin's own life. Furniture, drawings, photographs, paintings, written texts, found objects and videos are all candidly employed by an artist who calls her exhibition *I Need Art Like I Need God*.



Uninhibited scenes from a painful life: *Taci Min* by Tracey Emin

Everything on view here is presented as part of Emin's salvation, her way of exorcising the traumas of the past. On one of the brazenly revealing videos, her mother admits that she thought the adolescent Tracey "would have gone to the dogs if you hadn't gone to art school". Emin talks frankly on video about the time she was raped, and concludes that "for me my childhood was over". She describes her moments of depression and attempted suicide, how schoolkids taunted her with racist abuse, and the anger she still feels about her abortion.

> ❛ Nothing is excluded from her raw self-exposure ❜

Nothing, it seems, is excluded from this startling and raw self-exposure. In another artist's hands, the outcome could easily degenerate into an intolerable form of narcissism. Against all the odds, though, this show does not feel self-indulgent. For one thing, Emin never makes the mistake of raising herself above criticism. Her feelings of guilt and envy are freely exposed in a white partitioned room at the centre of the gallery, where she recreates an installation produced in Stockholm last year. The discarded paintings inside, including blue body-imprints uncomfortably close to Yves Klein's work, are often inscribed with messages and exhortations, directed either at friends or herself. Perhaps the most germane is the command boldly telling Emin "Not To Be Afraid. Most Of My Life Has Been Built On Fear."

Judging by the uninhibited mood of the exhibition as a whole, Emin succeeds in obeying this injunction. Her often searing book of memoirs has been published under the headlong title *Exploration of the Soul*, and a panoramic colour photograph shows her clutching it in Monument Valley during an epic trip across America.

There is no suggestion, at any stage in this labyrinthine voyage through Emin's history, that she has reached a plateau of serenity. Bitterness frequently explodes, above all in some accusatory prints scrawled with outbursts like "You Were Not Men You Were Less Than Human". On these occasions, Emin's writing becomes as direct and raw as the graffiti she admits to scrawling on the sea wall at Margate. In another mood, however, she is capable of drawing small, tender images of birds.

Her command of line is impressive, especially in some spidery nudes and street scenes reminiscent of German and Austrian Expressionism. But Emin's work is so dartingly various that it cannot be categorised with ease. Binding all these offerings together is a confessional urge, and Emin shows no sign of exhaustion in her compulsive, versatile attempt to turn the messiness of life into art.

● *Christine Borland at the Lisson Gallery (0171-724 2739) until May 10; Tracey Emin at South London Gallery (0171-703 6130) until May 18*

AROUND THE GALLERIES

☐ DAVID HISCOCK is certainly not the only painter who has taken photographs (or vice versa), but he is unique in the quality of his thought about the relationship between the two activities. Although he began with works which combined photography and painting, recently he seems determined to let his media develop separately, and yet all that he does brings them closer and closer together. *Strokes*, his new show at Purdy/Hicks, is in two parts, "Landscapes", which are fundamentally photographs, and "Innerscapes", which are fundamentally paintings. The two seem to have started at opposite ends and gradually met in the middle through the unifying force of Hiscock's own powerful vision. Hiscock is a true original, and his art exerts the same haunting power whatever medium he chooses to work in.
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☐ REMEMBER those freshly coloured prints of clipper ships under full sail in Uncle Fred's hallway? Like as not they were taken from paintings by **Montague Dawson** (1895-1973). It is the sort of art which tends to bypass critics completely, while going straight to the heart of those with romantic fantasies about the flung spray and the blown spume and the seabirds crying. Dawson was an experienced sailor who could be trusted to get his facts right in the most minutely documentary work, such as he did in the Second World War for *Sphere* magazine; he was a keen historical researcher as well. Frost & Reed's retrospective is a timely reminder of an artist working with dash and flair.
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☐ MARO GORKY is so well-connected that it is amazing she is the fine, free-spirited artist that she is. She is the daughter of Arshile Gorky, leading (if eccentric) New York Abstract Expressionist. And she is married to Stephen Spender's artist son, Matthew. But Gorky goes firmly in her own direction, ignoring the world around her. Not totally ignoring her physical environment, however, since though she is becoming increasingly abstract, she is still fundamentally a landscape artist. Her most recent work at Long and Ryle continues at once to simplify and elaborate on the natural scene. And the vibrant colour harmonies are all her own.
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JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

CONCERTS: Double dose of Beethoven on the South Bank; *centenary celebrations in Sussex; and Solti sheds light* on a Shostakovich symphony

Played at heroic length

Maurizio Pollini
Saito Kinen
Festival Hall

Beethoven loomed large at the Festival Hall over the weekend. Seiji Ozawa and the Saito Kinen Orchestra devoted half their programme on Saturday to him, and the evening before Maurizio Pollini returned for the fifth recital in his seven-part cycle of the composer's 32 piano sonatas.

By chance it was not just "any" Beethoven: everything we heard was written within a concentrated six-year period at the beginning of the 19th century. Unlike many pianists, Pollini is tackling the sonatas in chronological order, and he played the five sonatas Op 54 to Op 81a, which date from between 1804 and 1809, the time of the Napoleonic Wars and two humiliating French occupations of Vienna. The *Eroica Symphony* was written in 1803 and dedicated to Napoleon, but the following year an enraged Beethoven famously tore out the title page when Bonaparte proclaimed himself Emperor.

This was the time of Beethoven's "heroic phase", when his music began to break new, uncompromising ground, and in stimulating performances Pollini emphasised the revolutionary aspects of these works. Sometimes recently this modern giant of the keyboard, renowned for both the technical brilliance and intellectual stature of his playing, has appeared to have "gone respectable" with "safe" performances: not here, where the outwardly conventional sequence of three movements in the *Appassionata* concealed raging turmoil. After an intense, inward-looking opening, Pollini played up the insistent knocking of fate, and followed it with a lament that was swept away by the swirling finale.

In Op 81a, *Les Adieux*, Pollini gave another newly exciting interpretation of very familiar music. He was just as satisfying in the less frequently played Op 54 in F, where he made light of the second movement's *perpetuum mobile*, and he caught the capricious freedom that dominates Op 78 in F sharp. But he was most interesting in the "little" sonatina-like Op 79 in G: he rushed headlong into a very fast Presto opening, and revelled in the humour of the finale. The simple Italianate lyricism he brought to the Andante made this unsophisticated movement one of the evening's highlights.

These kinds of revelations were exactly what Ozawa's performance of the *Eroica* lacked. Indeed, the only revolutionary aspect of the music he drew attention to was its length: at the time of its composition, Beethoven's Third was by far the longest symphony ever written. Otherwise this was a heavy and old-fashioned account, without the spiritual dimension great conductors of the past have brought. Some wayward winds apart, though, this disciplined performance had great unanimity of attack, and the weighty sound suited the dark funeral march of the second movement well.

Undoubtedly, the special glory of the remarkable Saito Kinen Orchestra — its mostly Japanese players are either members of major Western orchestras or internationally established soloists — is its strings, and they got an opportunity to shine in the string orchestra version of Schoenberg's *Verklärte Nacht*. Their carefully moulded sound underlined the work's lyricism, though never at the expense of its haunted expressionism. Ozawa was at his best here, in a taut performance which also showed just how close Schoenberg was to the spirit of Beethoven.

JOHN ALLISON

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EMI Centenary Gala
Glyndebourne

Old loyalties were to the fore in Sunday's gala for EMI's hundredth birthday this year. Glyndebourne was the appropriate choice for the first of three centenary concerts — two non-operatic evenings follow later. EMI came to record the prewar Mozart performances in Sussex and the links have remained ever since. And there on stage as master of ceremonies for the high-priced occasion — top tickets £750 — was Nicolai Gedda, first signed for EMI by Walter Legge 46 years ago.

Gedda ruefully remarked that he was making his house debut, but many of the other singers on parade were old Glyndebourne hands. Some, like Alison Hagley, who gave ethereal tone to Nannetta's aria from *Falstaff*, had come up through the Festival chorus. Others, including Thomas Hampson, had made their reputations long before reaching the Festival Opera. Hampson also chose *Falstaff* and sent the sparks whizzing through the house with Ford's Vengeance aria. Hampson has the art of coming on cold and grabbing the audience within seconds.

Before taking over his MC function Gedda launched into Danilo's entrance aria from *The Merry Widow*, proof that at 72 he can still get his larynx around Lehár. Plenty more operetta was to come, reminder of a dedication to this section of the repertoire, which was started by Legge and echoed by EMI's French arm.

Felicity Lott chose Messager; all saucy flirtatiousness as a lady from Le Bal Masqué who revels in having two lovers on the go. Nathalie Dessay, a dashing young French coloratura recently signed by EMI, then made it plain that if the English knew all about boulevard operetta, she was an ace at American musicals. She mocked and dazzled in *Glitter and be gay* from *Candide*, showing the same Hampson ability to mesmerise the house without ado. Barbara Hendricks was less successful in Lehár's *Giuditta*.

And so to opera proper. Amanda Roocroft revealed a new and sensuous weight to her soprano in Dvořák's *Rusalka*. Gedda said that it gave him pleasure to introduce not one but three tenors — adding mischievously "three young tenors, not old ones". Ian Bostridge gave delicate tone to Tamino's aria from *Die Zauberflöte*. And finally came Roberto Alagna.

Gheorghiu and Alagna

He has just sung his first Werther in Toulouse and chose *Pourquoi me réveiller*, the voice taking a few bars to clear before Massenet's emotional melancholy was given full flood. He was joined by Angela Gheorghiu for the close of Act III of *Manon*.

Andrew Davis and Franz Welser-Möst, both in top form, shared control of the LPO. Then the audience went off for dinner while the finishing touches were put to the CD of the occasion.

JOHN HIGGINS

He's got rhythm

LSO / Solti
Barbican

And still we want to know what it all *means*. Shostakovich's symphonies continue to draw out brow-furrowing speculation in programme note and commentary, and nowhere more so than in the Fifteenth and last. Here are references to Wagner, to his own Seventh, Eighth and Eleventh Symphonies — then, just as you were enjoying one of those teasing little *danses macabres*, a blast of *William Tell* bursts out from the brass.

Sir Georg Solti's lacerating rhythmic precision, and the momentum with which he drove Shostakovich's sequence of events and allusions, created a compelling longer view of the work. One left remembering the power of the whole.

The assurance with which he built towards the climax of the second movement, through a progression of fine solos from the London Symphony Orchestra's principals, was an important part of the process. And the tense, unquiet undertones which he maintained throughout the murmuring and pulsings of the final Adagio already scented out the total abstraction of the symphony's ending, where nothing but reverberation remains.

As for all those worrying quotations . . . the Lithuanian poet-in-exile, Czeslaw Milosz, once wrote that, in order to live in a totalitarian regime, one must be either a schizophrenic or an actor. These, surely, are Shostakovich's last masks: the early memories of Rossini, whirling into big-top bravado in the prancing circus of life; the necessary ambiguities of pomp and circumstance; the brief but ubiquitous assertion of identity in the little DSCH signature tune, here as dark and numb as it ever appears.

In Charlotte Hellekant's performance, earlier in the evening, of a selection of songs from Mahler's *Des Knaben Wunderhorn*, there could be little debate as to meaning. The Swedish mezzo-soprano gave a vividly projected performance, her idiosyncratically accented German lilting with the movement of her body in a folksy *Rheinlegendchen* and an almost caricatured *Sermon to the Fishes*. It was difficult for Hellekant to find either the vocal or spiritual stillness necessary for the visionary *Urlicht*, and she seemed only truly at ease again in the earthy little fable of the cuckoo and nightingale.

HILARY FINCH

■ CHOICE 1

Felicity Kendal stars in a new translation by Tom Stoppard of *The Seagull*

VENUE: Now previewing at the Old Vic

■ CHOICE 2

Mood indigo: a birthday tribute to the jazz great, Duke Ellington

VENUE: Tonight in the Purcell Room

THE TIMES
ARTS

■ POP 1

Johnny Cash, the roughcut king of country, shows his new versatility at the Albert Hall

■ POP 2

. . . but at the Barbican Marta Sebestyén displays her remarkable tone all too briefly

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

LONDON

ABSENT FRIENDS: Revival of Ayckbourn's comedy, the one about Colin whose friends are determined to *comfort him in his grief*, except that he doesn't need attention as much as they do. Michael Simkins directs.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

DONA ROSITA: Phoebe Nicholls plays the patient spinster, pointlessly hopeful, but then this is Lorca. Eleanor Bron, Kathryn Hunter, Celia Imrie, Kerry Shale, Clive Swift also feature in Phyllida Lloyd's production.
Almeida, *Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404)*. Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3pm. Until June 7

MOOD INDIGO: Singer Barbara Jay and saxophonist Tommy Whittle with his quartet team up for this year's birthday tribute to Duke Ellington in a programme featuring songs and instrumentals from the Duke's vast repertoire.
Purcell Room, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight, 7.30pm

THE SEAGULL: Chekhov's mouldbreaking realist work *is the fourth* of 12 plays to be performed in repertory at the Old Vic over a 40-week season. Victoria Hamilton, Felicity Kendal and Michael Pennington star in Sir Peter Hall's production which has a new translation by Tom Stoppard.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Tonight, 7.30pm. Then May 3-10, 7.30pm, mats Thurs (May 8) and Sat (May 3), 2.30pm Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

COVENTRY: Visit by **English Touring Opera** which brings two operatic treats to town. *The Marriage of Figaro*, Mozart's comic tale of intrigue and mistaken identity alternates with Bizet's exotic *The Pearl Fishers*, both promising exquisite music and spectacle.
Warwick Arts Centre, University of Warwick (01203 524524). *Figaro* tonight, Thurs and Sat, 7.30pm; *Pearl Fishers* tomorrow and Fri, 7.30pm Ⓢ

HIGH WYCOMBE: **Scottish Ballet** makes a welcome appearance in the South with its acclaimed double-bill of *La Sylphide*, Bournonville's classic set around a Scotland glen, and *Troy Game*, a humorous look at macho one-upmanship.
Wycombe Swan, St Mary Street (01494 512000). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2pm.

MANCHESTER: **Blue Murder**, a new comedy by Peter Nichols, set in the 1960s in alarmingly dangerous Shrewsbury and an even madder Lord Chamberlain's office. With Sara Crowe, Romy Baskerville and Gordon Reid. Directed by Roger Haines.
Library, St Peter's Square (0161-236 7110). Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm; Fri and Sat, 8pm; mats Wed (May 7) and Sat (May 17), 3pm. Until May 17

SCARBOROUGH: Joanna Van Gyseghem and Cameron Stewart play two of the four people living in three flats and plunged into emotional turmoil in Alan Ayckbourn's latest, **Things We Do For Love**.
Stephen Joseph Theatre, Westborough (01723 370541). Opens tonight, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat *(April 26, May 10, 31)*, 3pm. Until May 31

LONDON GALLERIES

Anthony d'Offay: Francesco Clemente (0171-499 4100) . . **Barbican**: Modern Art in Britain 1910-1914 (0171-638 4141) . . . **British Museum**: Mummy Portraits from Roman Egypt (0171-636 1555) . . . **Clerkenwell**: Thomas Rowland and Julian Wild (0171-252 5635) . . . **Dulwich Picture**: *Art Beyond the Visible* (0181-693 5254) . . . **Grosvenor**: Mark Shields (0171-629 0891) . . . **Hayward**: The Object of British Art of the 1980s and 1990s (0171-928 3144) . . . **National**: Dürer's *Saint Jerome* (0171-747 2885) . . . **Royal Academy**: The Berlin of George Grosz (0171-439 7438) . . . **Tate**: Lovis Corinth (0171-887 8000)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
▨ Some seats available
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■ **ART**: David Haig, Anton Lesser, Mark Williams in this exceptional drama about friendship, unspoken resentment and an almost all-white painting.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm

☐ **BAILEGANGAIRE**: Welcome revival of Tom Murphy's mesmeric play where Rosaleen Linehan's Mommo keeps her daughters (Brid Brennan, Ruth McCabe) in suspense, waiting to hear the climax of a tale of distant tragedy.
Royal Court Upstairs at the Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (0171-565 5000). Mon-Sat, 7.15pm, mats Sat (from May 3), 4pm

☐ **FRANKLY SCARLETT**: Farcical comedy about the making of that film about Miss O'Hara. Peter Polycarpou plays David O. Selznick. Written by Peter Morris and Philip George.
King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat and Sun, 3.30pm.

☐ ***THE GOODBYE GIRL***: Gary Wilmot, Ann Crumb and Shezwae Powell in the Hamlisch/Zippel musical version of Neil Simon's play. Dancer dumped by one actor and landed with another finds love. Aah. Directed by Rob Bettinson.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat 8.30pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm

☐ **THE HERBAL BED**: Peter Whelan's fascinating play transfers from the Barbican: some cast changes but Teresa Banham continues to play Shakespeare's daughter, and Stephen Boxer her Puritan inquisitor.
Duchess, Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5075). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ **LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN**: Braham Murray's production of Wilde down from Manchester for a ten-week season. Gabrielle Drake plays the woman with a past, Rebecca Johnson the virtuous wife without a mother.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

☐ **THE MAI**: Dublin prizewinner by Marina Carr, author of the haunting *Portia Coughlan*. Four generations of women whose lives men have variously disrupted. Nicolas Kent directs.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed (May 21), 2pm, and Sat, 4pm

☐ **MARLENE**: Siân Phillips gives an attractive performance as the singer with the golden sheath dress. On the whole, more successful than Pam Gems's play.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 50 45). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **SUPER-BEASTS**: Cast of four, including Moray Watson, in revue-style production of short stories and playlets by Saki. A show planned by Emlyn Williams in the 1970s but never previously performed.
Jermyn Street, 16b Jermyn St, SW1 (0171-287 2875). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat *Sat (May 17), 3pm. Until May 17.*

▨ **TOM AND CLEM**: Stimulating play with Alec McCowen and Michael Gambon as sober Attlee and flamboyant Driberg, sorting out the world at Potsdam.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6007). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Buddy**: Strand (0171-930 8800) ▨ **Cats**: New London (0171-405 0072) ▨ **Grease**: Cambridge (0171-494 5080) . ▨ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (0171-836 1443) ☐ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) . . ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

COLD COMFORT FARM (PG): Ungainly cinema transfer for John Schlesinger's TV version of the spoof rural melodrama. With Kate Beckinsale and Eileen Atkins.
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Minema** (0171-235 4225) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

EDDIE (12): Whoopi Goldberg becomes a basketball coach. Yawn-inducing comedy. Director, Steve Rash.
Notting Hill Coronet Ⓢ (0171-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgin Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

RETURN OF THE JEDI (U): Luke Skywalker battles Darth Vader yet again. Special edition of the 1983 *Star Wars* sequel, with Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, and Carrie Fisher.
ABCs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Leicester Square** (0181-315 4215) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

THE SPIRAL STAIRCASE (PG): Mute servant girl meets a serial killer. Vintage *thrills from 1945, with Dorothy McGuire.* Director, Robert Siodmak.
NFT Ⓢ (0171-928 3232)

VERTIGO (PG): Restored print of Hitchcock's hypnotic thriller, with James Stewart and Kim Novak.
Lumiere (0171-836 0691)

CURRENT

◆ **THE ENGLISH PATIENT** (15): Map-making Ralph Fiennes smoulders with passion for Kristin Scott Thomas. Epic, intelligent, though not quite worth all the praise. Director, Anthony Minghella.
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Plaza** (0990-888 990) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (0990-888 990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

EVERYONE SAYS I LOVE YOU (12): New York neuroses set to music by Woody Allen. Beguiling, but thin.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Gate Notting Hill** (0171-727 4043) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Haymarket** (0181-315 4212) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen on Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen on the Hill** (0171-435 3366) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **FEVER PITCH** (15): Football-crazed teacher falls in love. Appealing version of Nick Hornby's book, with Colin Firth, Ruth Gemmell. Director, David Evans.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Odeons: Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **West End** (0181-315 4221) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

THE FUNERAL (18): Powerful and brooding racketeering drama, with Christopher Walken and Christopher Penn. Director, Abel Ferrara.
Curzon West End (0171-369 1722) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen on the Green** (0171-226 3520)

◆ **THE SAINT** (12): Botched revival of Leslie Charteris's gentleman thief, played by Val Kilmer. With Elisabeth Shue. Director, Philip Noyce.
Empire Ⓢ (0990 888990) Ⓢ **Odeon Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990)

◆ **SHINE** (12): Child prodigy pianist crumples under the strain. Uplifting, often funny treatment of a true story from Australian director Scott Hicks.
Curzon Phoenix (0171-369 1721) **Odeon Mezzanine** Ⓢ (0181-315 4215) **Plaza** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

POP: Johnny Cash plays old and new; Mansun's showcase of hits; Marta Sebestyén is on song

Family day in the country

LINDSAY MAGGS

At 65, Johnny Cash inspires, and is inspired by, a new generation of songwriters

Johnny Cash
Albert Hall

Three years ago, the career of country music legend Johnny Cash took an unexpected turn. He teamed up with the hip metal and rap producer Rick Rubin and released the innovative American Recordings album, and also made a significant appearance at the 1994 Glastonbury Festival.

The Rubin partnership has continued with his latest album, *Unchained*, which again features songs by young musicians such as Beck, but, this time, Cash was back on the more familiar London ground of the Albert Hall.

The band appeared first, playing an instrumental version of *I Walk the Line* until half the auditorium was clapping along to it. Eventually, a lone spotlight heralded the appearance of Cash, dressed, as ever, entirely in black. His five-piece band featured his son John Carter Cash on guitar and drummer W.S. Holland, the man who played on the original version of Carl Perkins's *Blue Suede Shoes*, plus piano, stand-up double bass and additional guitar.

The early part of the two-hour set included old favourites such as *Ring of Fire*, but when Cash invited his former son-in-law Nick Lowe on stage and then let John Carter Cash take over for several songs, it was clear that this was primarily a family affair. The line-up was completed by June Carter Cash, who performed *Jackson* as a duet with her husband, before singing a medley of songs which she had learnt from her own famous country family, the Carters, including *Wabash Cannonball* and *Will the Circle be Unbroken?*

Cash returned to the stage for the highlight of the evening — a brilliant stretch of Kris Kristofferson's *Sunday Morning Coming Down*, then Tom Petty's *Southern Accents* and, best of all, *Rusty Cage*, which Chris Cornell wrote for his band Soundgarden — a grunge quartet from Seattle — but which sounded as if it had been written just for Cash.

Unlike, say, Pat Boone, another 19[illegible]s icon, who recently recorded an album of heavy metal songs, Cash does what he does quite naturally, wrapping that great voice around the old songs, but also embracing new styles and interpreting them in his own way.

At 65, he remains the roughcut king of country music, appealing to new and hardcore fans alike.

ANN SCANLON

Too clever for words

Mansun
Kilburn National

MANSUN are not the sort of band to hang about. Since signing their record contract last year, they have scored a No 1 album, *Attack of the Grey Lantern*, and five hit singles, apparently without breaking sweat (their sixth, *Taxloss*, was released yesterday).

Their live show was a similarly assured affair. Although in their early twenties, the four musicians from Chester were steeped in the stagecraft of an earlier generation. Lead guitarist Dominic Chad and bass player Stove struck heroic rock'n'roll poses reminiscent of their opposite numbers in The Clash, but toned down enough to play their parts with considerably greater accuracy. Singer and songwriter Paul Draper looked and sounded like a Damon Albarn understudy: cheekbones as angular as his vowels, lyrics and body language filtered through a truculent, smarter-than-thou attitude.

There was no shortage of hits for them to draw on and favourites including *Stripper Vicar* and *Mansun's Only Love Song* soon had the crowd bouncing enthusiastically on the spot. But as the band worked their way through a well-paced, tightly organised set, nagging doubts crept to the surface. The stage was lit with exceptional skill, but their performance suffered from an amateur sound mix, the oppressively distorted boom of Andie Rathbone's double-bass drum overwhelming all other instruments, including the rest of the drumkit.

And for all the catchy appeal of numbers such as *Egg Shaped Fred* and their best song, *Wide Open Space*, Mansun lacked the heavyweight presence and true emotional authority of contemporaries such as Radiohead and Longpigs, bands who do this sort of angst-rock thing for real.

You could not fault Mansun for the performance, per se. But as they ended with a version of *She Makes My Nose Bleed*, climaxing with an onslaught of feedback and percussion effects, it seemed as if, rather like their irritatingly knowing song titles, what they had done best was to show us just how clever they are.

DAVID SINCLAIR

Nectar in small doses

Marta Sebestyén
Barbican

ANYONE who bought a ticket to see Marta Sebestyén on the strength of her haunting voice on the soundtrack of *The English Patient* would have been left wanting more from this one-off London appearance. Sebestyén has one of the world's truly great voices but on the night she used it all too sparingly, sharing the spotlight with her band Muzsikas and disappearing from the stage for long periods.

The band gave an almost workshop-style performance, showcasing the rich and varied Hungarian folk tradition. With two fiddles, a viola and a double bass they performed a range of tunes drawing on the Ottoman, Hapsburg, Jewish and gypsy influences which have all contributed to the middle-European musical melting-pot.

They brought with them two costumed dancers and Toni Arpad, an ancient gypsy cimbalom player and one of the few who remembers the lost Jewish music of Transylvania — lost because almost everyone who played it failed to survive the Holocaust. It was a fascinating lesson in musical history with its moments of passion, particularly in a wild gypsy tune for violin and gardon, a Hungarian instrument looking like a cello but on which the strings are hit for percussive effect.

Yet during her lengthy absences from the stage, one could not help but long for Sebestyén's return. On last year's *Kismet* album she proved her versatility with songs from as far apart as Russia, India, Ireland and Greece. Here she restricted herself to the Hungarian tradition, but her control and emotional depth were still powerfully evident. Best of all — and this is no reflection upon the skill of Muzsikas — were the unaccompanied numbers. Sebestyén's voice has so many cadences, you sometimes feel that other instruments merely clutter the beauty of a unique sound. She finished, of course, with *Szerelem Szerelem*, the impossibly romantic tune that Ralph Fiennes plays on the gramophone in the movie while wooing Kristin Scott Thomas. Even in the local cinema, the sound is awesome. To hear Sebestyén sing it live is unforgettable.

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Abused and exploited

Aid for child prostitutes is required urgently, says

Allan Levy, QC

Jodie Foster in *Taxi Driver*: a picture of innocence that belies the horror of children coerced into the sex industry

Child prostitutes, some as young as 12, can be seen regularly on the streets of our cities. Recent reports by social workers and police officers, information presented at the Children's Society's national conference last month and the publication of an invaluable book *Child Prostitution in Britain* (edited by David Barrett, published by the Children's Society) have made the plight of these children known to many more people.

Though the facts have produced expressions of outrage and sympathy, not much progress has been made in providing effective remedies. In particular, the application of the laws covering this area is flawed. The civil law contained in the Children Act 1989 is significantly underused and the criminal law is being wrongly targeted at the children, rather than at those who are exploiting them.

Child prostitution may be defined as the provision of sexual services by those under 18 in exchange for some form of payment, such as money, drugs, other consumer goods or even a bed for a night.

Information as to the prevalence of child prostitution in Britain is fragmentary. National data is unavailable, as is a national picture. A former president of the Association of Directors of Social Services has suggested that charities are exaggerating child prostitution in order to attract funds.

In a letter to *The Times* (March 8) Barry Sheerman, MP, challenged this view, based on information he had gathered from the police, university researchers and social workers. He called for a proper evaluation, speedily followed by steps to protect children from "this particularly unpleasant" form of abuse.

We know that between 1989 and 1995, 2,380 cautions were issued and 1,730 convictions were secured in regard to those under 18 in England and Wales for offences relating to prostitution. It is probable that at least hundreds of children in Britain are involved in prostitution.

Who are these children? A Council of Europe report in 1993 referred to emotionally damaged youngsters from broken homes, runaways, drug users and street children. Studies in Britain point to young runaways from their own homes and from placements in care. The Children's Society's 1994 study found that most ran away before the age of 16 and that one in seven of these young people had provided sex for money. Those involved preferred to refer to the experience as a "survival strategy" rather than prostitution.

Keith Hellawell, the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, has recently referred to heroin addicts as young as 12 turning to prostitution. Half of all prostitutes are now thought to be drug addicts and the average age of prostitutes was falling to about 17.

There is increasing evidence to link childhood sexual abuse with prostitution. David Barrett of Luton University, a leading academic, says that "a perpetrator within a family may cause the young person to flee the family home to be exploited by other perpetrators (although even some parents 'work' their children as prostitutes)".

The law has an important role to play in this area. Internationally, Article 34 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, ratified by the UK and more than 180 other countries, places the responsibility on the individual country to protect children from all forms of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse. This includes child prostitution and the exploitative use of children in pornographic performances and materials.

In 1995 the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child in Geneva recommended that the Government should address the issue of sexual exploitation of children here as a matter of urgency.

Domestically, a vital role falls on local authorities. The Children Act 1989 provides them with sufficient powers to be able to try to deal with the plight of the child victims. The authorities have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children who are in need by providing an appropriate range and level of services. They must take reasonable steps to prevent children within their area suffering ill-treatment or neglect. Additionally, they must investigate whether they have reasonable cause to suspect that a child who is in their area is suffering or is likely to suffer significant harm.

They can, for instance, take care proceedings, including emergency steps, in respect of a child. This formidable legal armoury is, unfortunately, being underused by many local authorities. They do not appear to be helping children in any effective way.

The problems with the criminal law are different. The provisions have been enacted piecemeal with no overall strategy or co-ordination. Even where effective, they are being used against the children rather than against those who exploit and abuse them.

There are signs that some police forces now recognise that treating children as victims and not criminals is more likely to divert them from prostitution. There is now strong evidence that the policy should be one of prevention and that protection procedures, rather than prosecution, should be used.

There is a need for a wider recognition of the seriousness of the problem of child prostitution, and a high-level review of the role and content, particularly as to sentencing levels, of the law.

● *The author is a specialist in childcare law.*

Europe the key to new labour laws

During the past 18 years, employment lawyers have never had it so good. Employment departments in law firms thrive, membership of associations such as the Industrial Law Society and Employment Lawyers' Association is on the increase, and there is no end to conferences and seminars on aspects of employment law.

This is a curious state of affairs. Apart from controls on the unions, where the Conservatives have legislated freely and dramatically, successive administrations since 1979 have been committed to the deregulation of employment law.

Although there have been some successes, such as the abolition of wages councils in the Wages Act of 1986, the goal of deregulation has largely been thwarted by the need to implement European labour law standards.

The so-called opt-out from the Maastricht treaty has not substantially affected this, because the bulk of legislative activity in the field of European labour law has concerned directives subscribed to long before Maastricht, often as a result of European Court of Justice rulings, such as the Acquired Rights Directive, Redundancies Directive and Equal Treatment Directive.

JOHN McMULLEN

What new employment laws can we expect after May 1? At first glance, both Conservative and Labour manifestos lack detail, although Labour has published a separate business manifesto.

The Conservative manifesto leads with a proposal to curtail strikes in essential services. Legislation would be introduced to remove legal immunity from industrial action which has a disproportionate or excessive effect. Members of the public and employers would be able to take legal action in these circumstances.

Also, strike action would have to be approved by a majority of members eligible to vote (not just those voting) and ballots would have to be repeated at regular intervals if negotiations were extended. No change of philosophy here.

Of no surprise either is the pledge to continue to give the EU's Social Action programme a wide berth.

Finally, there is a pledge to negotiate exemption from the Working Time Directive. This last promise, the employment law equivalent of a call for a "beef war", is, in all likelihood, unachievable, notwithstanding the UK's threat of non-cooperation at the inter-governmental conference in Amsterdam in June. Some cynics have observed that fighting a law that guarantees a minimum holiday of four weeks per annum and prevents a working week of more than 48 hours without an employee's consent is unlikely to be the most vote-catching of Tory proposals.

Labour's manifesto is equally brief. Gone are proposals such as part-time workers' rights; age discrimination; the review of the unfair dismissal qualifying period; the review of the unfair dismissal compensation cap of £11,300 and the end of abuse of zero hours and self-employment status contracts.

But will these detailed issues surface as concrete policy if Labour wins the election? Apart from the minimum wage and the commitment to training and reducing unemployment, the main manifesto also includes the right of employees to have their trade union recognised if a majority in the workplace vote for recognition — the most eye-catching of Labour's recent "business" proposals.

The party has pledged, in the main, not to return to pre-1979 collective labour laws, and not to restore full immunity for industrial action. But the return to compulsory recognition of trade unions is clearly old wine in a new bottle.

There is already anecdotal evidence of employer concern. But another view holds that compulsory recognition of trade unions may have less of an impact in the 1990s than in the 1970s.

For the purposes of transfer of undertakings, collective redundancies and the duty to consult the workforce on health and safety issues and the appointment of safety representatives, European law has meant that where an employer does not recognise a trade union, information and consultation obligations must be discharged in favour of elected employee representatives (or, in health and safety, employees direct).

Since March last year, non-unionised workplaces have been drawn into areas that previously only involved them if they recognised trade unions, so the impact of recognition may be less dramatic.

Labour's manifesto for business adds one more item on the collective front. This is protection against unfair dismissal for all employees sacked while lawfully on strike — an advance on the present law where only those selectively dismissed may claim.

Whatever the complexion of the next government, there is a substantial corpus of European labour law already binding in the UK. Its continued appraisal and re-interpretation by the European Court of Justice will mean that labour law will continue to be an evolving and dynamic subject irrespective of any party's domestic legislative agenda.

● *Dr McMullen is National Head of Employment Law at Pinsent Curtis and Professor of Labour Law at the University of Leeds. He has just published* Redundancy: The Law and Practice.

INNS AND OUTS

Saville for law lord?

ONE OF the first tasks for an incoming Lord Chancellor will be appointing a law lord to replace Lord Mustill. Hot tip is Lord Justice Saville who, like Lord Mustill has a commercial law background, or possibly Lord Justice Rose.

Lord Mustill recently opened the Centre for Corporate and Commercial Law in Cambridge University's law faculty. At 66, he is well off retiring age — but is thought, after 19 years on the Bench, to favour a change.

Women's scoop

WOMEN might not be making it to partnership level but the City of Westminster Law Society has managed to scoop the board at its annual dinner with other professions. All the after-dinner speakers — and most guests — were women, including Baroness Symons, former general secretary of the First Division Association, Mary Spillane, the US image consultant and Anne Fuller, who chairs the Magistrates' Association. The idea was Sue Nelson's, the society's first woman president, who says there have been years when there was no woman speaker and even years "without a single woman official guest".

● *Theodore Goddard reports that its Website, launched six months ago, has had more than 90,000 "hits". The firm's William James says that the page is popular with both law firms and other "surfers".*

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Top scorers

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The two mediators who can take the credit were Bill Marsh and David Richbell, both CEDR directors.

● *Ross Cranston, the London School of Economics professor fighting the safe Labour seat of Dudley North, is likely to form part of Labour's law team if the party wins on Thursday. A professor in commercial law, he would balance the criminal experience of the Shadow Attorney-General, John Morris, QC, and, lawyers say, would make an excellent Solicitor-General.*

Merger mystery

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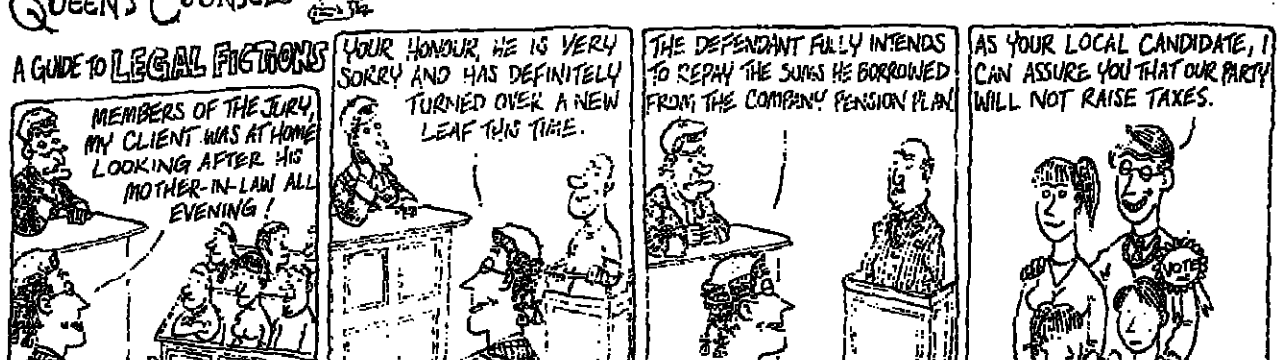

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Bogus 'official' party candidates should not be entitled to deceive the voters, says **David Engel**

An end to this literal democracy

The joke candidate has a long and not entirely dishonourable tradition in British politics. Similarly, there is a well trodden path followed by politicians who fall out with their local constituency association. They usually stand as, say, an "Independent Conservative" or "Independent Labour".

This general election has, however, thrown up a different species, potentially far more damaging to the democratic process. Nominations closed on April 16. In several constituencies, candidates lodged nomination papers describing themselves in terms which, to a greater or lesser extent, misrepresented that they were the official candidate adopted and approved by one of the main political parties.

The impetus for this trend appears to have been the High Court decision in the Literal Democrat case in 1994. A Richard Huggett who stood in the last European Parliament elections described himself as the "Literal Democrat" candidate. Because names on a ballot paper are always in alphabetical order, Mr Huggett's name appeared before that of the official Liberal Democrat candidate. In the event Mr Huggett polled more than 10,000 votes. The genuine Liberal Democrat candidate was beaten by the Conservative candidate by less than 800 votes.

After the election, the High Court decided that the fact that some voters might by confused by a candidate's chosen words of description did not amount to a breach of the Parliamentary Election Rules in the Representation of the People Act 1983.

Mr Justice Dyson held that it was clear "the rules did not prohibit candidates, whether out of spite or a wicked sense of fun, from describing themselves in a confusing way or indulging in spoiling tactics."

The decision appears to have given the green light to a number of candidates to exploit the present state of the law. On April 16 Sir Nicholas Walter Lyell, QC, the Attorney-General, sought an injunction to prevent a candidate standing against him as "Sir Nicholas Walter Lyell". This candidate also described himself as "The Conservative Party Candidate", as did the genuine Sir Nicholas Lyell.

The Attorney-General was successful. The court accepted that to adopt the same name as well as the same description as the official Conservative Party candidate was a "fraudulent design or contrivance" likely to "impede or prevent the free exercise of the franchise" contrary to Section 115(2)(b) of the Representation of the People Act. This is the first time that a private law injunction has been granted to one candidate against another under Section 115(2).

The Attorney-General's success prompted further applications to the High Court the next day. The charge was led by Robert Guy, the official Conservative candidate for Hove, who sought an injunction against a candidate describing himself as the "Official Hove Conservative Party Candidate". Mr Guy's nomination papers describe him as the "Official Conservative Party Candidate".

Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, Attorney-General: the real one

Sir Derek Spencer, the official Conservative candidate in the adjoining Brighton constituency, made an application in relation to the aforementioned Mr Huggett who sought to describe himself in Brighton as the "Official Conservative Party Candidate".

Mr Huggett is also standing in Winchester. But there he describes himself as the "Liberal Democrat Top Choice for Parliament" candidate. Unsurprisingly, the Lib Dems took exception. Labour complained about Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith's son who was standing in Hammersmith & Fulham under the slightly unexpected banner of "New Labour".

What emerged from this rash of applications was that the court would be reluctant to order any candidate to change the description used. Mr Huggett was ordered to drop the use of the word "official" in Brighton, but where the applicant was unable to show clear evidence of deception, the court was unwilling to intervene. Equally, it would not intervene when the applicant was too late because the statement of persons nominated and or the ballot papers had been printed. The Labour Party was unsuccessful for that reason in Hammersmith & Fulham.

A number of applicants were also hit in the pocket. Even where they were partially successful, they were ordered to pay the legal costs of Defendant Returning Officers (where the Returning Officer asked for them). But the main significance of last week's proceedings is that the court decided it did have jurisdiction to grant an injunction against a bogus "official" candidate where it was convinced that the candidate in question was using a "fraudulent device or contrivance" likely to deceive voters.

That is a novel development which in theory makes it easier for such candidates to be challenged, provided this is done before nominations are published and ballot papers printed.

The courts, however, lay down a strict timetable for delivery of papers, making it difficult in practice for a party candidate to know that he or she faces a bogus candidate in time to launch legal proceedings before logistics make it impossible for the court to intervene.

An unsuccessful candidate can complain, in an election petition, to the court after the election. This may cure but cannot prevent electoral wrongdoing. The other difficulty is that an election petition can be brought only against the successful candidate, who is unlikely to be the fraudulent candidate, even if the latter has attracted enough votes to have a material effect on the election outcome. Despite recent events, the law still appears to allow candidates to describe themselves on their nominations and ballot papers in such a way as to deceive voters into voting for them in the mistaken belief they are official party candidates.

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Joke: Lisa Lovebucket, standing for Hackney North & Stoke Newington

But the problem with the current rules is that they are aimed — rightly — at protecting the impartiality of the Returning Officer, who is responsible for accepting or rejecting nomination papers. He or she has little discretion to reject nomination papers, so long as the candidate is correctly identified by name and address. Clearly, the officer should not be put in a position where he or she might effectively be making a party political decision.

But there should be stricter rules as to when a candidate may represent himself as the candidate approved and adopted by the political party in question. The logistical timetable could also be amended to give time for an application to the court before nominations are published.

At present, courts are still largely tied by the state of the law. Mischievous candidates, or those whose aim is to deceive voters, can cause serious confusion sufficient to cause a miscarriage of democracy. This should be sorted out before the next election.

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Clamp down on highwaymen

Leonard Jason-Lloyd looks at the laws covering people whose vehicles have been wheel-clamped

The Granada Television programme *World in Action* recently highlighted concerns regarding the exploits of private wheel-clampers and portrayed some of them as modern-day highwaymen.

It is often asserted that under English law little, if anything, can be done by a person in charge of a vehicle immobilised in this way. This immediately leads to calls for yet another law to be passed to remedy the plight of people caught in this predicament.

But does the remedy already exist? I believe that it does, especially in some of the circumstances disclosed by the *World in Action* team.

First, there is the offence of blackmail under Section 21 of the Theft Act 1968 which, in this context, involves an unwarranted demand for money with menaces. Clearly, there is a demand for money accompanied by the threat that the vehicle will remain clamped unless that sum is paid and that a greater amount will accrue if the vehicle is towed away. The only problem appears to be whether the courts would regard the threat as being justifiable.

In my view, when a private contractor wheel-clamps a vehicle that has been parked for only a few minutes and demands an exorbitant fee, it could be construed as being an unwarranted demand. This seems to be especially so in situations in which "no parking" or other warning signs are either non-existent or inadequate.

An alternative could be a prosecution under S.40 of the Administration of Justice Act 1970 which is the offence of unlawful harassment of debtors. Under S.40 it will be an offence where a debt is due, but the person claiming it under a contract harasses the debtor by using methods calculated to cause him or her alarm, distress or humiliation. It may also be committed by falsely claiming that criminal proceedings can be taken for non-payment or if the defendant falsely represents that he or she is authorised to enforce payment in some official capacity or presents a document which gives the false impression that it is of an official nature.

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The maximum sentence on conviction for blackmail is 14 years' imprisonment. It is also an arrestable offence which means broadly that the police may arrest a person caught committing blackmail in this fashion or a person who has committed or is about to commit this offence. It also means that with the exception of the latter power and some further restrictions, ordinary citizens may arrest for this offence, although such action could be precarious and might better be left for the police to deal with. In contrast, unlawful harassment of debtors is triable summarily only and punishable by a maximum Level 5 fine (at present £5,000).

Also, it is not an arrestable offence so any action taken by the police will have to be by way of a summons unless they have grounds to arrest under S.25 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (general arrest conditions such as failure to provide satisfactory particulars).

What would be the reaction of extortionate wheel-clampers if motorists affected by their exploits sought the help of the police, who in turn had to take action either under the law on blackmail or unlawful harassment of debtors?

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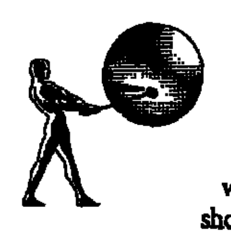

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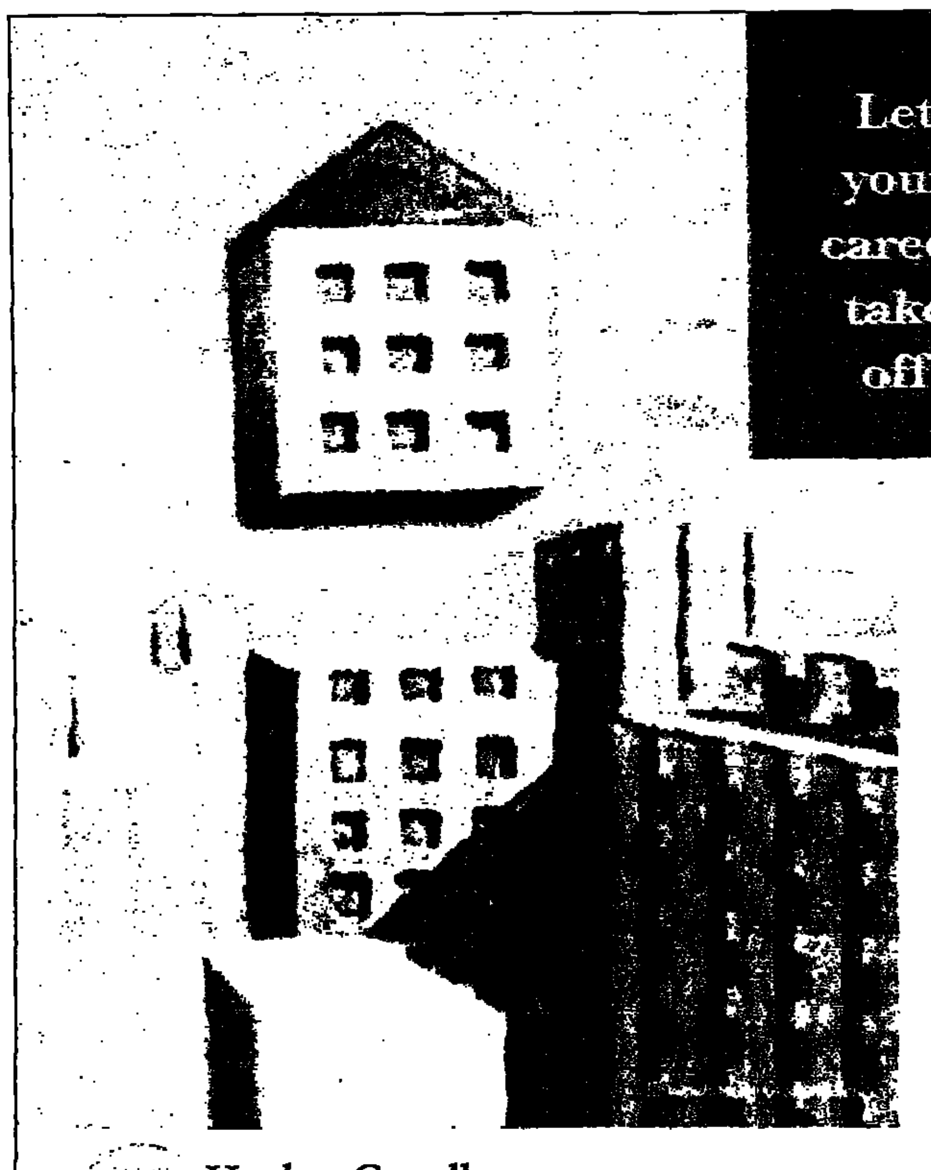

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Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Law Report April 29 1997

Electoral support is relevant

Regina v British Broadcasting Corporation and Another, Ex parte Referendum Party

Before Lord Justice Auld and Mr Justice Popplewell

[Reasons April 24]

It was not irrational for a broadcaster to include previous electoral support in its general criteria for allocating party election broadcasts to political parties.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when giving reserved reasons for having dismissed on April 18 an application for judicial review of the decisions of the BBC and the Independent Television Commission to allocate the applicant only one five-minute party election broadcast on their respective television networks.

The applicant was a political party founded in 1994. It was fielding 547 candidates in the 1997 election, claimed to have written pledges of support from about 200,000 potential electors, and appeared to have 3 per cent support in the polls.

It had been allocated by both the respondents only one five-minute broadcast on each network, in contrast to the allocation to the Conservative and Labour parties of five five-minute slots and to the Liberal Democrats of four five-minute slots on each network. The applicant sought judicial review of the allocation on the ground, inter alia, that it was irrational because the respondents had included past electoral support in their criteria for allocating broadcasts, which a new party could not show, and had failed to take account of the electoral size and support, in particular the large number of its candidates.

Mr Geoffrey Robertson, QC and Mr Gavin Millar for the Referendum Party; Mr David Pannick, QC and Mr Paul Goulding for the BBC; Mr Christopher Clarke, QC and Mr Mark Shaw for the ITC; Mr William Wood for the Independent Television Association.

LORD JUSTICE AULD, giving the judgment of the court, said that both respondents were obliged to secure that their programmes preserved due impartiality. The respondents had been given a wide discretion as to the rules they could make, inter alia, in relation to the allocation of broadcasts, to ensure that that obligation was fulfilled.

Both respondents either in their guidelines or as a matter of practice included in their criteria for allocating broadcasts a threshold requirement of 50 candidates which entitled a party to at least one broadcast, and, for further broadcasts, the number of candidates fielded and previous electoral support.

His Lordship said, referring to *Lynch v BBC* ([1983] NI 193) and *Wilson v Independent Broadcasting Authority* (1979 SC 351), that impartiality in the context of allocating broadcasts was not to be equated with parity or balance as between political parties of different strengths, popular support and appeal.

It meant fairness of allocation having regard to those factors, yet making allowance for any significant current changes in the political arena and for the potential effect of the powerful medium of television itself in advancing or hindering such changes.

Accordingly, the court did not find that the inclusion of previous electoral support as part of the broadcasters' general criteria irrational. His Lordship said that where it existed, it was obviously a relevant consideration, although only one, for assessing the current strength of a political party relative to that of others.

Clearly, it would be absurd for broadcasters to allow it to be *determinative or to regard it as a* pre-condition for allocation of more than one broadcast, but that was not the case here. Where no previous electoral support existed the broadcasters had to consider the other factors upon which a party relied to show its current and potential strength and entitlement to further allocation, which the court had found the respondents had done.

The application of the criteria by the respondents in the present case had been reasonable. The weight they gave to matters such as number of candidates and current levels of support was a matter for *them. The court should not intervene* unless it was of the view that they were irrational in assessing those matters.

His Lordship also referred to submissions as to the BBC's susceptibility to judicial review. That was not a matter the court had to determine on the present application but it was, in their Lordships' view, possible that an obligation undertaken contractually to the Government to treat subjects of, inter alia, political controversy with impartiality would be regarded as "governmental" as defined in *R v Jockey Club, Ex parte Aga Khan* ([1993] 1 WLR 909) and therefore susceptible to review, because it reflected *the Government's policy on* a matter of public concern whether in statute or contractual form.

Solicitors: Peter Carter-Ruck & Partners; Ms Sarah Jones; Allen & Overy; Goodman Derrick.

Education decision was irrational

Regina v East Sussex County Council, Ex parte T

Before Mr Justice Keene

[Judgment April 23]

In deciding what educational provision was suitable under section 298 of the Education Act 1993 regard was to be had to the individual character of the child in *question rather than to the local* authority's financial resources, although resources were relevant in deciding between different forms of suitable provision.

Mr Justice Keene so held in the Queen's Bench Division in allowing the application of T, by her mother and next friend, for certiorari to quash the decision of East Sussex County Council to reduce T's home tuition from five to three hours a week.

The applicant had been diagnosed as suffering from ME. She was unable to attend school for the great majority of the time and in May 1992 she began to receive five hours a week of home tuition from the local authority.

In early 1996 it became apparent that the government assessment for education spending by the local authority was around £3,000,000 short of expected spending and spending on home tuition was cut by three-quarters.

The applicant's parents were told in a meeting with local authority officials on September 10, 1996 that only three hours of tutoring a week would be provided because of financial constraints.

Section 298 of the 1993 Act, now *section 19 of the Education Act* 1996, provides: "(1) Each local education authority shall make arrangements for the provision of suitable full-time or part-time education at school or otherwise than at school for those children . . . who . . . may not for any period receive such suitable education unless such arrangements are made for them. . .

"(7) In this section 'suitable education', in relation to a child or young person, means efficient education suitable to his age, ability and aptitude and to any special educational needs he may have."

Mr Tim Kerr for the applicant; Mr Rabinder Singh for the local authority.

MR JUSTICE KEENE said that Mr Kerr had put his case in a number of different ways such as taking account of an irrelevant *consideration or making a decision* for improper purposes or irrationality. One could not, he suggested, take resources into account. Suitability in section 298 made no reference to local authority means. *R v Gloucestershire County Council, Ex part Barry* (*The Times* March 21, 1977; [1997] 2 *WLR 459*) was distinguished by Mr Kerr on the basis that it concerned the construction of section 2(1) of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970. He submitted that the right to education was of a higher kind than the right, as in *Barry*, to a benefit.

In *Barry* Lord Clyde had said (at p475A): "The words 'necessary' *and 'needs' . . . are not defined in* the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 . . . In deciding whether there is a necessity to meet the needs the individual some criteria have to be provided. In the framing of the criteria to be applied it seems to me that the severity of the of a condition may have to be matched against the availability of resources."

His Lordship considered that the position under section 298 was different from that in *Barry*. Section 298(1) proposed a duty when issues arose but it was not left at large by Parliament.

Section 298(7) expressly provided a list for when suitability was to be determined. Suitability under section 298 was intended by Parliament as an individual concept related to the character of the particular child.

The term "suitable education" was to be used in a similar way throughout the 1993 Act. It must therefore be an objective test and not one that varied according to the means of the provider; otherwise one could envisage the rights of the child being whittled away entirely.

Of course what amounted to suitable education in relation to a child's age and needs reflected what was being provided in schools in their area for children in that area with such aptitudes. Section 298 was not intended to *give a child an advantage.*

That was not the same thing as taking financial resources into account. The local authority was not allowed to do that.

That did not mean resources were wholly irrelevant under section 298. There might be more than one way of providing a suitable education in deciding which a local authority could properly have reference to financial resources.

In the present case financial considerations were taken into account. When it did that the local authority was not choosing between different arrangements. There was no provision to make up for the lost two hours.

It followed the local authority took into account an immaterial consideration in deciding what was suitable education and that decision could not stand. Moreover, the decision was arrived at in such a way as to be irrational.

Solicitors: Bates Wells & Braithwaite; Miss Samantha Goodbody, Brighton.

Chancery Division

No copyright in Oasis photo layout

Creation Records Ltd and Others v News Group Newspapers Ltd

Before Mr Justice Lloyd

[Judgment April 25]

Objects and people arranged in a scene for photographs for an album sleeve was not capable of being a copyright work within the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, but the taking of *unauthorised photographs of the* scene was arguably in breach of confidentiality.

Mr Justice Lloyd so held in the Chancery Division, granting an interlocutory injunction until trial or further order to the plaintiffs, Creation Records Ltd, who had a licence agreement in relation to the United Kingdom recordings of Oasis, Sony Music Entertainment (UK) Ltd, who had a recording contract with the group and Mr Noel Gallagher, lead guitarist with Oasis and deviser of the art work for the album sleeve, against the defendant, News Group Newspapers Ltd to restrain them from further publication of unauthorised photographs al*ready published in The Sun*.

Mr Nicholas Merriman, QC and Mr Richard Edwards for the plaintiffs; Mr Kevin Garnett, QC, for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE LLOYD said that the action arose out of arrangements to take photographs for the cover of a forthcoming album by Oasis. The photographs were to be taken around the swimming pool of the Stocks Country Club Hotel, Hertfordshire, on April 16.

The swimming pool was drained, a white Rolls Royce lowered into it and other objects were delivered. Mr Noel Gallagher supervised the positioning of objects and members of the group around the partially filled pool. *Photographs were taken* by an official photographer over several hours. Mr Gallagher chose one for the album.

Although secrecy was essential, some local fans turned up at the hotel and a freelance photographer was booked into the hotel by *The Sun*. Some fans had cameras. They were allowed to take photo*graphs before the shoot.*

The Sun photographer took some during the shoot and then left. One of his photographs was very similar to the official one chosen by Mr Gallagher. That and two others were published in *The Sun* on April 17, then again on April 18 with a poster offer to follow. On April 19 readers were invited to send £1.99 for a glossy poster of the world exclusive picture of the new Oasis album shoot.

The plaintiffs were granted an ex parte injunction on April 21 and applied for an interlocutory injunction restraining publication until trial on the basis of breach of copyright or of confidence.

Copyright was claimed in the scene itself, primarily as an artistic work either of sculpture or collage within section 4(1)(a) of the 1988 Act or as a work of artistic craftsmanship within section 4(1)(c).

It was not seriously arguable that the process of assembling disparate objects with members of the group had anything in common with sculpture: see *Breville Europe plc v Thorn EMI Domestic Appliances Ltd* ([1995] FSR 77), or artistic craftsmanship: see *George Hensher Ltd v Restawile Upholstery (Lancs) Ltd* ([1976] AC 64) and *Shelley Films Ltd v Rex Features Ltd* ([1994] EM LR 134).

As for collage, a subject of copyright new to English law in the 1988 Act, *involved as an* essential element the sticking of two or more things together. The instant composition was intrinsically ephemeral, its continued existence being in the form of a photographic image and accordingly it was materially different from Carl André's bricks and examples of installation art generally. The plaintiffs' case based on copyright was not sufficiently arguable to grant an injunction.

Mr Merriman's contentions that the unauthorised photograph was a copy of the official photograph, or that Mr Gallagher was the owner of the copyright in the unauthorised photograph as the person who created it within sections 9(1) and 11(1) were rejected.

In the alternative, Mr Merriman submitted that there was a seriously arguable case *that the* unauthorised photograph was taken in breach of confidentiality. Mr Garnett submitted, correctly, that merely because a well known person tried to stop people taking photographs of him or her, it did not follow that any photograph taken was in breach of confidentiality.

That was far from this case. Although as a hotel guest *The Sun* photographer and others were lawfully at the scene, that did not mean they were free to take photographs. A photograph was different in kind, not merely degree, from a sketch which could lawfully have been drawn from memory. It was the photographic record of the scene, the result of the shoot, that was intended to be confidential.

It was well arguable that the nature of the operation, together with the imposition of security measures made it an occasion of confidentiality, at any rate as regards photography.

It was arguable that *The Sun* photographer conducted himself surreptitiously. If so it was easy to infer he did so because he knew that photography was not permitted and that he was allowed to remain only on that basis.

A sufficient case of breach of confidence had been made out. Damages were not an adequate remedy for the plaintiffs.

The fact that millions of copies of the newspaper had contained the photograph *was not* of itself a reason to restrain the different type of publication arising from the poster offer: see *Gilbert v Star Newspaper Co (Ltd)* ((1894) 11 TLR 4). An interim injunction was granted to restrain further publication of the picture on the basis of breach of confidentiality.

Solicitors: Russells; Farrer & Co.

Court cannot rewrite will

In re Jones, deceased
Jones v Midland Bank Trust Company Ltd and Others

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Henry and Sir Patrick Russell

[Judgment April 17]

The unlawful killing of a testatrix by her son preventing him from benefiting under the terms of her will, did not entitle the court to rewrite the will, speculating as to what the testatrix's wishes might have been.

The Court of Appeal so held *allowing an appeal by the second* defendant, Alan J. Perry, the person entitled to benefit on the deceased's intestacy, from the judgment on September 22, 1995, on a preliminary issue arising on an originating summons under the Forfeiture Act 1982 by the plaintiff, Robert Jones, the deceased's son, by Judge Weeks, QC, sitting as a judge of the High Court.

The judge had construed the will of Mrs Heather Jones, deceased, as taking effect as if she had been predeceased by her son with the effect that her residuary estate was held for her nephews, the second and third defendants, Michael and Steven Amphlett.

Mr Stephen Eyre for Mr Perry; Mr Ulick Staunton for Midland Bank Trust Company Ltd, the executors; Mr Nigel Meares, who did not appear below, for Michael and Steven Amphlett; Miss Jayne Willetts, solicitor, for Robert Jones.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that by her will dated May 1965 the deceased directed her estate to be held on trust for her son, Robert Jones, and in the event of his predeceasing her "for such of my nephews . . . as shall be living at the date of my death".

In July 1991 Mrs Jones was killed by her son who was subsequently convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to three years probation.

It being indisputable, subject to any order under the Forfeiture 1982 Act, that the gift in favour of Robert Jones could not take effect, the issue was whether Mrs Jones's estate passed under the gift over to the nephews or devolved as on her intestacy. The judge decided in favour of the nephews and Mr Perry now appealed.

The point, a short one, was covered by authority which, even if not binding on the court, was of great persuasive force. The first, *In re Robertson, deceased* ((1963) 107 Sol J 318), was a decision of Mr *Justice Karminski that* Judge Weeks recognised was directly in point and, for practical purposes, indistinguishable. He declined to follow it.

The next was *In re Sinclair, deceased* ([1985] Ch 446, CA), a case concerning the analogous provision contained in section 18A(1)(b) of the Wills Act 1837, as amended by section 18 of the Administration of Justice Act 1982, that where a testator was divorced after having made his will, any devise or bequest to his former spouse should lapse.

In that case, Lord Justice Slade said (at p455) said that it was not "open to the court to rewrite the will by adding other specific contingencies to those clearly expressed in [the will] on the basis of mere intelligent speculation as to what the testator might have intended if his marriage were to end in divorce". Judge Weeks was *of the opinion that that case was* distinguishable.

The third case, not cited to the judge, was *In re Hunter's Executors, Petitioners* (1992 SLT 1141), a decision of the Second Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session.

Judge Weeks based his judgment on necessary *implication*, stating: "Robert Jones killed his mother, and I think in the circumstances of this case the right inference to draw from the wording of the will is that the testatrix, if asked, would have said: 'Of course, if he is to murder me, then my estate is to go to . . . my nephews'."

That view was wrong. It involved a degree of speculation which was not permissible in the construction of wills. The event provided for by the deceased was clear and certain and it did not occur. The gift over could not take effect.

Mr Perry's appeal should be allowed and a declaration made that the executors hold the deceased's residuary estate upon trust for the next of kin on an intestacy of the deceased.

Lord Justice Henry and Sir Patrick Russell agreed.

Solicitors: Epsley & Co, Telford; Irwin Mitchell, Sheffield; Amery-Parkes, Birmingham; Edge & Ellison, Birmingham.

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Stevens, D (BNP)
Pendragon, A (Ind)

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Stephens, J (PL)
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ANTRIM EAST
Dick, T (C)
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Mason, R (Ind)
McCann, Ms M (NLP)
Donaldson, W (PUP)

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McCarry, J (SF)
Hinds, Ms B (NI Women)

ANTRIM SOUTH
Cushinan, H (SF)
Smyth, H (PUP)

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Belshaw, R (BNP)

ASHFORD
Boden, R (Grn)

ASHFORD-UNDER-LYNE
Prince Cymbal (Loony)

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Delete Thomson, R (Loony)

B

BARKING
Tolman, M (BNP)

BARNSLEY EAST & MEXBOROUGH
Hyland, Ms J (SEP)
Capstick, K (Soc Lab)

BARROW AND FURNESS
Hamezeian, J (PLP)

BASINGSTOKE
Selim, Dr E (Ind)

BATLEY & SPEN
Smith, R (BNP)

BATTERSEA
Marshall, J (Dream)

BEACONSFIELD
Matthews, R (B Ind)
Cooke, C (UK Ind)
Story, C (CASC)

BECKENHAM
Mcauley, J (NF)

BEDFORDSHIRE NORTH EAST
Foley, F L (Ind C)

BELFAST EAST
Dougan, D (NIFT)
Bell, J (WP)
Dines, Ms S (C)

BELFAST NORTH
Treanor, P (WP)

BELFAST SOUTH
Boal, Ms M (C)
McDonnell, Dr A (SDLP)
Lynn, P (WP)
Cusack, N (Ind Lab)
Campbell, Ms A (NI Women)
Irvine, D (PUP)

BELFAST WEST
Daly, Ms M (NLP)
Kennedy, L (HR)
Lowry, J (WP)

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King, D (BNP)
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Hamid, A (Soc Lab)

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Barley, D (UK Ind)
Delete: Green, C (NLP)

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Smith, Ms P (BNP)

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BIRMINGHAM ERDINGTON
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Axon, K (BNP)

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Panesar A S (4th)

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Sherriff-Knowles, P (Loony)

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Patel, P (4th)
Bi, Ms S (Ind)
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Wren, C (Soc Lab)
Delete: Meads, L (NLP)

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Peacock, J (BNP)
Stokes, T (Ind)
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Batchelor, W (CSSPP)
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Drummond, Mrs H (Soc Lab)

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BLACKPOOL SOUTH
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BLAYDON
Rook, R (Ind Lab)

BOLTON NORTH EAST
Kelly, W (Soc Lab)
Delete: Tong, P (NLP)

BOLTON WEST
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Delete: Jump, H (NLP)

BOOTLE
Glover, P (Soc)

BOURNEMOUTH EAST
Delete: Barratt, T (NLP)

BOURNEMOUTH WEST
Morse, J (BNP)
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BRACKNELL
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Shah, S (Soc)
Khan, A (Soc Lab)

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Nolan, M (New Way)

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Jenkins, D (NLP)
Keable, S (Soc Lab)

BRENT NORTH
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BRENT SOUTH
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Howard, C (Dream)
Delete: Ahmed, M (NLP

BRIGHTON KEMPTOWN
Williams, Ms H (Soc Lab)
Darlow, R (Dream)

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Card, A (Dream)
Huggett, R (Ind c)
Dobbs, B (SG)
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BRISTOL EAST
Williams, P (Soc Lab)

BRISTOL NORTH WEST
Horton, C (Ind Lab)
Shorter, G (Soc Lab)

BRISTOL SOUTH
Taylor, L (Glow)
Marshall, I (Soc)

BRISTOL WEST
Nurse, R (Soc Lab)
Slater, B (Ref)

BROMLEY & CHISLEHURST
Speed, Ms F (Grn)
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Sharp, K (Nat Dem)

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CALDER VALLEY
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CAMBRIDGESHIRE NORTH EAST
Bennett, S (Soc Lab)

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Foreman, J (N Lab)
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Harding, A (UK Ind)

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Hanks, K (Loony)
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Smith, C (Lab)

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Cresswell, N (NLP)

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Khamis, H (Soc Lab)

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CRAWLEY
Kahn, A (JP)
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CUNNINGHAME SOUTH
Edwin, K (Soc Lab)
Martlew, A (Ref)

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DERBY NORTH
Walters, J (Pro Life)

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DEVON EAST
Needs, G (Nat Dem)

DEVON NORTH
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Ball, N (Soc Lab)

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Mooney, R (NIP)

DOWN SOUTH
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Atherton, M (Soc Lab)

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Robertson, L (SSA)
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Duke, H (SSA)

DUNDEE WEST
Ward, Ms M (SSA)
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EALING ACTON & SHEPHERD'S BUSH
Edwards, W (Ch P)
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Danon, P (PL)
Gilbert, J (Soc Lab)

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Brar, H (Soc Lab)

EASINGTON
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Smith, C (BNP)
Hardy, G (Nat Dem)
Khan, I (Soc Lab)

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Delete Calligaro, R (NLP)

EASTBOURNE
Delete Grenville, M (NLP)

EASTWOOD
Delete Sutherland, R (NLP)

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Benson, M (Ind Dem)
Delete Reid, D (NLP)

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Delete Irvine, M (NLP)
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Douglas-Reid, P (NLP)
Brown, G (SSA)
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Dunn, B (NLP)

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Dunn, B (NLP)
Delete Pringle, T (NLP)

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Storkey, A (Ch P)
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Henderson, P (BNP)

EREWASH
Simmons, M (Soc Lab)

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Kay, Ms S (Dream)

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FALMOUTH & CAMBORNE
Geach, J (Ind Lab)
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Delete Murray, F (C)

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Saint, R (CFSS)
Segal, E (Soc)

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Palmer, C (21st Cent)
Morgan, G (Ind Dean)
Porter, S (Ind F)

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GALLOWAY & UPPER NITHSDALE
Wood, R (Ind)
Delete Kerr, P

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Pringle, T (NLP)
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Delete Dunachie, E (NLP)

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McVicar, C (SSA)
Graham, J (WRP)
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Lawson, J (SSA)

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GOWER
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Lovebucket, L (Rain Ref)
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Goldman, M (Comm Brit)
Betts, T (N Lab)
Goldberg, M (NLP)
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Johnson-Smith (N Lab)

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HAMPSHIRE NORTH EAST
Berry, C (UK Ind)

HAMPSHIRE NORTH WEST
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Dodd, B (Ind)

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Carroll, R (Dream)
Harris, J (Hum)

HARLOW
Bowles, J (BNP)

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Knight, R (CRP)
Hastings & Rye
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Horton, J (Soc)

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Furness, J (Ind C)

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ILFORD SOUTH
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Hodges, D (Ref)
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Daly, C (NLP)
Eveleigh, J (Rain Isl)

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Basarik, E (Ind)
Creese, M (NLP)
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JARROW
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Bissett, J (SPGB)

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KENSINGTON & CHELSEA
Oliver, G (UKPP)
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Bear, E (Teddy Bear)
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Burns, P (UK Ind)
Leighton, M (NLP)

KINGSWOOD
Hart, P (BNP)
Nicolson, A (Scrapit)

KNOWSLEY NORTH & SEFTON EAST
Jones, C (Soc Lab)

L

LAGAN VALLEY
McCarthy, F (WP)

LANCASHIRE WEST
Carter M, (Ref)
Hill, D (Home Rule)

LEEDS CENTRAL
Hill, C (Soc)
Rix, D (Soc Lab)
Delete Toone, R (PL)

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Parish, L (Ref)

LEEDS NORTH EAST
Egan, J (Soc Lab)

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Toone, R (PL)
Duffy, D (Ronnie)
Lamb, R (Soc Lab)

LEEDS WEST
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LEICESTER EAST
Slack, N (Glow)
Sidhu, S (Soc Lab)

LEICESTER SOUTH
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Dooher, J (Soc Lab)

LEICESTER WEST
Belshaw, A (BNP)
Potter, C (Nat Dem)
Nicholls, Ms J (Soc)
Roberts, D (Soc Lab)

LEICESTER NORTH WEST
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LEOMINSTER
Haycock, J (BNP)

LEWES
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Rizz, Captain (Dream)
Croucher, R (NF)

LEWISHAM WEST
Long, N (Soc Lab)

LEWISHAM DEPTFORD
Mulrenan, J (Soc Lab)
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LEYTON & WANSTEAD
Mian, A (Ind)

LINLITHGOW
Delete Young, E (NLP)

LIVERPOOL GARSTON
Parsons, J (NLP)
Nolan, S (SEP)

LIVERPOOL RIVERSIDE
Braid, D (MRAC)
Wilson, Ms C (Soc)

LIVERPOOL WALTON
Mahmood, L (Soc)

LIVERPOOL WAVERTREE
Corkhill, C (WRP)

LIVINGSTON
Culbert, M (SPGB)
Delete Black, G (NLP)

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Willock, J (Soc Lab)

LONDONDERRY EAST
Gallen, C (NLP)
Anderson, I (Nat Dem)

LOUGHBOROUGH
Delete Bigger, J (UK Ind)

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LUTON SOUTH
Perrin, Ms C (NLP)

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Ardley, K (Glow)

MAIDSTONE & THE WEALD
Cleater, Ms M (Soc Lab)

MANCHESTER CENTRAL
Rigby, T (Comm Lge)
Rafferty, F (Soc Lab)

MANCHESTER GORTON
Wogsam, T (Soc Lab)

MANCHESTER WITHINGTON
Kingston, S (Dream)
White, Ms J (Soc)

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Cowdell (O Lab)

MIDDLESBROUGH
Delete Curry, T (UK Ind)

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Delete Morris, T I (PL)

MITCHAM & MORDEN
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Miller, L (BNP)
Krishnapillai, V (Ind)

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Burley (Ind CRP)

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Greenwell, Mrs J (LD)
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Delete Bracey, D (LD)

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Herriot, C (Soc Lab)

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Marks, H (LCP)

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Bell, Ms B (Soc Lab)

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Marks, H (LCP)
Mills, D (NLP)
Hood, J (Soc Lab)

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Belfield, A (Soc)

NOTTINGHAM SOUTH
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Bray, D (Loc Ind)
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McDonald, I (D Nat)

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Dalling, I (NLP)
Smith, J (Soc Lab)

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Dalling, S (NLP)
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P

PAISLEY SOUTH
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PLYMOUTH DEVONPORT
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Skelly, P (Soc Lab)

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Rosta, Ms J (NLP)

POPLAR & CANNING TOWN
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Poole, Ms A (Beaut)
Van Braam, D (Ren Dem)
Yardly, M (Spts All)
Belge, L (Stan)

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READING EAST
Packer, Ms B (BNP)

READING WEST
Dell, I (BNP)

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Higgs, R (Ind)

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Bergin, G (BNP)
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ROMFORD
Carey, M (BNP)

ROSSENDALE & DARWEN
Wearden, A (BNP)

RUISLIP NORTHWOOD
Griffin, Ms C (NLP)

RUSHCLIFFE
Maszwska, Ms A (NLP)
Moore, J (UK Ind)

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SAFFRON WALDEN
Tyler, B (Ind)

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Cragen, Ms S (Dream)

St HELENS NORTH
Watts, D (Lab)

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Jump, H (NLP)
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SCARBOROUGH & WHITBY
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Hopper, B (Soc Lab)

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SEVENOAKS
Ellis, M (PF)

SHEFFIELD BRIGHTSIDE
Davidson, P (Soc Lab)

SHEFFIELD CENTRAL
Brownlow, A (Ref)
Douglas, K (Soc)
Driver, M (WRP)

SHEFFIELD HALLAM
Booler, P (SIP)

SHERWOOD
Ballard, P (Ref)

SHREWSBURY & ATCHAM
Williams A (PPP)
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SLOUGH
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SOLIHULL
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SOUTH HOLLAND & THE DEEPINGS
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Davidson, M (BNP)
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Batkin, S (BNP)
Micklem, Mrs A (Lib)
Lawrence, B (Nat Dem)

STONE
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Chalk, G (C)

STRATFORD-ON-AVON
Stacey, S (Lab)
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Fisher, Ms J (NLP)

STREATHAM
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SUFFOLK CENTRAL & IPSWICH NORTH
Bennell, Ms S (Ind)
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SUFFOLK COASTAL
Kaplan, Ms F (NLP)

SUFFOLK SOUTH
Holland, Mrs A (NLP)
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Bartram, Ms S (NLP)

SUSSEX MID
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SUTTON & CHEAM
Wright, Ms D (NLP)

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SWANSEA EAST
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SWANSEA WEST
Proctor, D (Soc Lab)

SWINDON SOUTH
Charman, R (Route 66)

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TATTON
Muir, J (Albion)
Bishop, D (Byro)
Hill, S (Ind)
Nicholas, R (Ind)
Kinsey, S (Ind)
Price, J (Juice)
Penhaul, B (Miss M)

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TAYSIDE NORTH
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TEIGNBRIDGE
Golding, Mrs L (Dream)

THANET NORTH
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Charles, D (Nat Dem)

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TORBAY
Wild, P (Dream)
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TOTNES
Venmore, C (Loc C)
Cook, Ms P (Ref)
Golding, J (Dream)

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Scantlebury, A (C)
Tay, Ms E (PL)
Kent, Ms T (SEP)
Anglin, C (WRP)
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TRURO & St AUSTELL
Robinson, Mrs D (Grn)
Hicks, D (Meb Ker)
Boland, P (NLP)
Yelland, Mrs L (PP)

TWICKENHAM
Haggar, T (Dream)
Harrison, Miss J (Ind ECR)

TYNE BRIDGE
Brunskill, Ms E (Soc)

TYNEMOUTH
Rogers, Dr F (UK Ind)

TYRONE WEST
Gormley, Ms A (All)
Owens, T (WP)
Thompson, W (UUP)

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ULSTER MID
Donnelly, Mrs M (WP)
Murray, Ms M (NLP)

UPPER BANN
Price, B (C)
French, T (WP)
Lyons, J (NLP)

UXBRIDGE
Leonard, Ms J (Soc)
Delete Griffin C (NLP)

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VALE OF YORK
Pelton, T (Soc Dem)
McIntosh, Miss A (C)

VAUXHALL
Collins S, (Grn)
Driver L, (Soc Lab)
Headicar R, (SPGB)

W

WALSALL NORTH
Humpheries A, (NF)
Pitt M, (Ind)

WALSALL SOUTH
Meades, Mrs L (NLP)

WANSBECK
Murphy, D (Lab)
Best, Dr N (Grn)
Delete Thompson, J (Lab)

WANSDYKE
House P (Loony)
Lincoln, Ms S (NLP)
Hunt, T (UK Ind)

WANTAGE
Kennet, Ms M (Grn)
Tolstoy-Miloslausky, Count M (UK Ind)

WARRINGTON SOUTH
Ross, S (NLP)

WARWICK & LEAMINGTON
Baptie, P (Grn)
Gibbs, M (EDP)
McCarthy, R (NLP)
Warwick, G (UK Ind)

WARWICKSHIRE NORTH
Moorecroft, I (Bert)
Cooke, C (UK Ind)

WATFORD
Davis, L (NLP)

WAVENEY
Clark, N (Ind)

WEALDEN
Cragg, P (NLP)
English, Mrs M (UK Ind)

WELLINGBOROUGH
Lowrys, Ms A (NLP)
Ellwood, A (UK Ind)

WELLS
Royse, Ms L (NLP)

WELWYN HATFIELD
Harold, Ms H (PL)
Cox, E (Justice)

WEST BROMWICH WEST
Silvester, R (Lab Change)
Edwards, S (Nat Dem)

WEST HAM
Francis, K (BNP)
Rainbow, J (Dream)
Jug, T (Loony)

WESTBURY
Hawkins, G (Lib)
Hayson, C (NLP)
Westbury, R (UK Ind)

WESTMORLAND & LONSDALE
Smith, M (Ref)

WIGAN
Maile, C (Grn)
Ayliffe, W (NLP)

WILTSHIRE NORTH
Forsyth, Ms J (NLP)
Wood, A (UK Ind)

WIMBLEDON
Thacker, R (Grn)
Stacey, G (Dream)
Kirby, M (Mongolian)

WINCHESTER
Browne, J (Ind AFE)
Stocktown, P (Loony)
Huggett, R (Top)
Rumsey, D (UK Ind)

WINDSOR
Parr, R (Dynamic)
Bradshaw, P (Lib)
Bigg, Mrs E (UK Ind)

WITNEY
Chappie-Perrie, Ms S (Grn)
Montgomery, M (UK Ind)

WOKING
Bell, H (Ind C)
Sleeman, Miss D. (NLP)
Harvey, M (UK Ind)

WOKINGHAM
Owen, P (Loony)

WOLVERHAMPTON NORTH EAST
Hallmark, C (Lib)
Wingfield, M (Nat Dem)

WOLVERHAMPTON SOUTH EAST
Bullman, K (Lib)
Worth, N (Soc Lab)

WOLVERHAMPTON SOUTH WEST
Hyde, M (Lib)

WOODSPRING
Lawson, Dr R (Grn)
Glover, A (Ind)
Mears, M (NLP)
Hughes, R (Ref)

WORCESTER
Wood, Mrs P (UK Ind)

WORCESTERSHIRE MID
Dyer, A (NLP)
Ingles, D (UK Ind)

WORCESTERSHIRE WEST
Cameron, Ms S (Green)
Delete Winsor, D (Ref)

WORKINGTON
Austin, C (UA)

WORTHING EAST & SHOREHAM
Jarvis, Mrs R (UK Ind)

WREXHAM
Low, N (NLP)

WYCOMBE
Laker, J (Grn)
Heath, M (NLP)

WYRE FOREST
Harvey, C (Lib)
Millington, J (UK Ind)

WYTHENSHAWE & SALE EAST
Flannery, J (Soc Lab)

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YEOVIL
Taylor, D (Green)
Hudson, C (Dream)
Archer, J (Musician)

YORK, CITY OF
Lightfoot, A (Ch Nat)

YORKSHIRE EAST
Cooper, M (Nat Dem)
Allerston, R (Soc Dem)

KEY TO THE PARTIES

Major parties: C - Conservative; Lab - Labour; Lab Co-op - Labour Co-operative; LD - Liberal Democrat; PC - Plaid Cymru; SNP - Scottish National Party; Green - Green; UUP - Ulster Unionist Party; DUP - Democratic Unionist Party; SDLP - Social Democratic and Labour Party; SF - Sinn Fein; Alliance - Alliance; WP - Workers' Party. **Minor parties:** 21st Cent - 21st Century Independent Foresters; Albion - Albion Party; ANP - All Night Party; Alt LD - Alternative Liberal Democrat; Embryo - Anti Abortion Euthanasia Embryo Experiements; ACA - Anti Child Abuse; ACC - Anti-corruption Candidate; AS - Anti-sleaze; AS Lab - Anti-sleaze Labour; B Ind - Beaconsfield Ind, Unity Through Electoral Reform; Bert - Berties Party; BHMBCM - Black Haired Medium Build Caucasian Male; BDP - British Democratic Pary; BFAIR - British Freedom and Individual Rights; Home Rule - British Home Rule; BIPF - British Isles People First Party; BNP - British National Party; Fair - Building a Fair Society; By-pass - Newbury By-pass stop Contruction Now; Care - Care in the Community; Rights - Charter For Basic Rights; Ch D - Christian Democrat; Ch Nat - Christian Nationalist; Ch P - Christian Party; Ch U - Christian Unity; CSSPP - Common Sense Sick of Politicians Party; Comm Lge - Communist League; Comm Brit - Communist Party of Britian; CRP - Community Representative Party; CASC - Conservatives Against The Single Currency; CVTY - Conservatory; Constit - Constitutionalist; CFSS - Country Field and Shooting Sports; D Nat - Democratic Nationalist; EDP - English Democratic Party; Ind Hum - English Independent Humanist Party; EUP - European Unity Party; FDP - Fancy Dress Party; Fellowship - Fellowship Party for Peace and Justice; Dynamic - First Dynamic Party; NIFT - Former Captain NI Football Team; FP - Freedom Party; FEP - Full Employment Party; Glow - Glow Bowling Party; GRLNSP - Green Referendum Lawless Naturally Street Party; Stan - Happiness Stan's Freedom To Party Party; Heart - Heart 106.2 Alien Party; Hemp - Hemp Coalition; HR - Human Rights '97; Hum - Humanist Party; Ind - Independent; Ind AFE - Independent Against a Federal Europe; IAC - Independent Anti Corruption in Government/TGWU; Anti-maj - Independent Anti-majority Democracy; Ind BB - Independent Back to Basics; Ind C Independent Conservative; Ind CRP - Independent Conservative Referendum Party; Consult - Independent Democracy Means Consulting The People; Ind Dem - Independent Democrat; Ind ECR - Independent English Conservative and Referendum; Ind F - Independent Forester; Ind Green - Independent Green: Your Childrens Future; Ind Lab - Indpendent Labour; Ind No - Independent No to Europe; Ind OAP - Independent OAP; Ind Dean - Independent Royal Forest of Dean; Barts - Independent Save Barts Candidate; Beaut - Independently Beautiful Party; IZB - Islam Zinda Baad Platform; Ind Isl - Island Independent; Juice - Juice Party; JP - Justice Party Ind; JRP Justice and Renewal Independent Party; KBF - Keep Britian Free and Independent Party; Lab Change - Labour Time for Change Candidate; LCP - Legalise Cannabis Party; Lib - Liberal; Loc C - Local Conservative; LGR - Local Government Reform; Loc Ind - Local Independent; Logic - Logic Party Truth Only Allowed; Byro - Lord Byro versus The Scallywag Tories; LC - Loyal Conservative; Mal - Male Voice of the people Party; Meb Ker - Mebyon Kernow; Miss M - Miss Moneypenny's Glamourous One Party; Loony - Monster Raving Loony Party; MRAC - Multi-racial Anti-corruption Alliance; Musician - Musician; Nat Dem - National Democrat; NF - National Front; NLP - Natural Law Party; N Lab - New Labour; New Way - New Millennium New Way Hemp Candidate; NPC - Non-party Conservative; None - None of the Above Parties; NIP - Northern Ireland Party; NI Women - Northern Ireland Women's Coalition; O Lab - Old Labour; Pacifist - Pacifist for Peace, Justice, Cooperation, Environment; PF - Pathfinders; Slough - People in Slough Shunning Useless Politician; Choice - People's Choice; PLP - People's Labour Party; PP - People's Party; Plymouth - Plymouth First Group; Shields - Pro Interests of South Shields People; ProLife - ProLife Alliance; PUP - Progressive Unionist Party; PAYR - Protecting All Your Rights Locally Effectively; R Alt - Radical Alternative; Rain Isl - Rainbow Connection Your Island Candidate; Dream - Rainbow Dream Ticket Party; Rain Ref - Rainbow Referendum; R Lab - Real Labour Party; Ref - Referendum Party; Ren Dem - Renaissance Democrat; Rep GB - Republican Party of Great Britian; RA - Residents Association; Rizz - Rizz Party; Ronnie - Ronnie The Rhino Party; Route 66 - Route 66 Party Posse Party; SCU - Scottish Conservative Unofficial; SLI - Scottish Labour Independent; SLU - Scottish Labour Unofficial; SSA - Scottish Socialist Alliance; Scrapit - Scrapit Stop Avon Ring Road Now; SIP - Sheffield Indpedendent Party; Soc Dem - Social Democrat Socialist; Socialist; SEP - Socialist Equality Party; Soc Lab - Socialist Labour Party; Soc - Socialist Party; SPGB - Socialist Party of Great Britian; Beanus - Space Age Superhero from Planet Beanus; Spts All - Sportsman's Alliance; Anything but Mellor; SFDC - Stratford First Democratic Conservative; SG - Sub-genius Party; Teddy - Teddy Bear Alliance Party; FP - The Fourth Party; Mongolian - The Mongolian Barbeque Great Place to Party; NLPC - the New Labour Party Candidate; PPP - The People's Party Party; Speaker - The Speaker; Third - Third Way; Top - Top Choice Liberal Democrat; UK Ind - UK Independence Party; UKPP - UK Pensioners Party; UKU - United Kingdom Unionist; UA - Universal Alliance; Value - Value Party; Wessex Reg - Wessex Regionalist; WCCC - West Cheshire College in Crisis Party; Whig - Whig Party; WRP - Workers Revolutionary Party.

FOOTBALL: HODDLE QUICK TO APPRECIATE EMERGING TALENT OF NATIONAL TEAM'S YOUNG AMBASSADOR

England bank on a Neville in credit

Oliver Holt, football correspondent, meets a defender who, it seems, can do no wrong

MARC ASPLAND

Neville, pictured at Bisham Abbey yesterday, displays a modesty and manners all too rare among his peers

There is a story about Gary Neville that spread like wildfire through the ranks of the journalists who follow the England football team but was barely reported. It concerns an event that happened almost a year ago, and is still related with the sense of disbelief and wonderment usually reserved for the most salacious of gossip.

Like all the best stories, it has a shock value capable of shaking one's perceptions of the sport and its protagonists. Like most of the sleaziest episodes that footballers get themselves dragged into, it happened on an England trip abroad and, to complete the picture, a photographer was on hand to provide evidence.

In fact, the photographer was integral to the story. A touch overweight and loaded down with cameras, he was toiling his way along the Great Wall of China with those among the England party on last spring's ill-fated tour of China and Hong Kong who had bothered to make the trip. Neville, sensing he was in discomfort, suddenly appeared at his shoulder and offered to carry his cameras for the remainder of the walk.

That is it. Short and sweet. A young England football player behaving with undue courtesy towards a member of the media he did not know and, while he was at it, impressing everyone with his articulacy, common-sense and maturity. It is sensationalist, admittedly, stretching credibility, perhaps, but those who were there swear it is not apocryphal.

Yesterday, at Bisham Abbey, as England prepared for the World Cup qualifying tie against Georgia tomorrow, Neville was at it again, causing more raised eyebrows by refusing to hide behind clichés, insisting on straight answers and generally exuding a level of modesty most unbecoming for someone who has quickly established himself as one of the most accomplished defenders in the FA Carling Premiership.

More pertinently, perhaps, as England's attempts to qualify for the World Cup in France next year intensify, Neville, who will earn his eighteenth cap against Georgia, has retained the boyish enthusiasm for playing for his country that so many of the younger players seem to lose amid the torrents of club matches and the mounting commercial pressures that rest on their callow shoulders.

"I know people are talking about missing our summer tour to France this summer," Neville, 22, said, "but we are playing Brazil, Italy and France — of course I want to go. If I am fit and selected, I will be playing for England in the summer. You cannot play roulette, can't say 'I will miss this tournament or this game' or 'I will pull out of that game'. I might never get another chance to play against Brazil.

"Alex Ferguson has never said to me that he is going to pull me out of an England game. If a young player needs a rest at Manchester United, he will be given a rest and we all put our trust in him to make that choice. If I am in the England squad, we don't even have a conversation about it. I just go. He does not have any problem in any of us playing for England. He wants us to play."

When pressed, he spoke about the variety of positions he has filled successfully for his country. He has played as a conventional right back in a four-man defence, as a right-sided centre back in a back three and as a wing back in a back five. He has impressed the England manager, Glenn Hoddle, in every role, but still Neville is not satisfied.

"Wing back was my least favourite, really," he said. "I can beat players going forward, but there are better players than me in that position. I think Petrescu and McAteer are probably the best in the Premiership. I wish I could get myself forward more and I have been told I have got to be more positive, but I think sometimes I have got this mentality that I am a defender first and a footballer second. My brother, Phil, is good at making the decision of when to go forward and when not to. I think maybe I am a bit too cautious."

Neville, a credit to the upbringing techniques of Ferguson, was full of praise for his United manager and for the influence exerted over all the club's young players by Eric Cantona, the Frenchman whose talents are supposed to be on the wane. For praise for Neville, of course, you have to look elsewhere.

"I don't agree with him at all about him not being comfortable going forward," Hoddle said. "Look at the cross he provided for Shearer's goal against Scotland in Euro 96. Look at the piece of skill he came up with when he flicked the ball past Bjornebye to set up Manchester United's third goal at Anfield.

"He has got a very mature head and he is an accomplished player at a very young age with a lot of experience under his belt. He is being nice and modest but, within himself, he is a very confident lad."

Splitting under-19 contest pays off

By John Goodbody

THE move to split the Snickers Under-19 schools football tournament into two competitions was justified by two pulsating finals at The Hawthorns yesterday.

These competitions probably generate more passion than any other secondary schools event in Britan. Next season, more than 2,000 schools and colleges are expected to enter.

The tournament has been divided in two because of the domination of the sixth-form colleges, which are able to field a greater number of older boys than the schools.

In the colleges section final yesterday, Cardinal Newman, Preston, beat Colchester 1-0, while, in the competition catering for schools, Parmiter's Watford and Monkseaton HS, Whitley Bay, shared the trophy after a 0-0 draw.

Cardinal Newman possessed Robert Hawarth, the most skilful boy on display in the colleges final. His deft dribbling frequently splitthe Colchester defence. However, Cardinal Newman were wayward in their finishing and Colchester nearly equalised three minutes from time when Swarbrick had to clear off the goalline.

The decisive goal came in the 38th minute when McCann drove home a free kick from the edge of the area.

The schools final was taut, going to the end of extra time without a score, but with innumerable near-misses and splendid saves. The problem was neither team had the composure nor the penetration near goal.

Inability to go distance is downfall for Shilton

By Our Sports Staff

PETER SHILTON, the former England goalkeeper, has had his contract with Leyton Orient terminated by the club because he cannot kick the ball far enough. Shilton, 47, played ten times for Orient in the Nationwide League third division after joining them from West Ham United last November.

Tommy Taylor, the Orient manager, said: "Peter is magnificent for his age and, if he could kick the ball, I would keep him. It sounds silly, but you need a goalkeeper to kick it into your opponents' penalty box to make chances in the third division."

Steve Shorey, the Orient chief scout, added: "Kicking could be one of the reasons, but I wouldn't like to say anything against a player who has served the game so well as other clubs might be interested in him. We have only one game left and we have no need for the services of Peter. He was first choice until he got injured and we brought in Paul Hyde [the England Under-21 goalkeeper]."

Shilton, who made his 1,000th Football League appearance against Brighton while at Orient, will now head to Hong Kong.

☐ The Football League has refused a request from BSkyB to switch the third division match between Hereford United and Brighton from Saturday to Sunday in order to screen it live. Hereford and Brighton, the bottom clubs, each has 46 points and will be playing for League survival at Edgar Street in front of a sell-out crowd of 8,800.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

This is a hand played by Derek Young, a popular member of the £5 game at the old St James Bridge Club. He was South, playing in a social rubber bridge game.

Dealer North **Love all** **Rubber bridge**

North:
♠10754
♥KQ86
♦AQJ
♣32

West:
♠—
♥10543
♦987432
♣J54

East:
♠J632
♥AJ72
♦—
♣109876

South:
♠AKQ98
♥9
♦K1065
♣AKQ

S	W	N	E
—	—	1H	Pass
2S	Pass	3S	Pass
4C	Pass	4D	Pass
6S	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			

Contract: Six Spades by South. Lead: ten of hearts

After a little hesitation, West led the ten of hearts. East took the ace of hearts and returned the ten of clubs to declarer's queen. Declarer cashed a high spade, on which West threw a diamond. Now it seems obvious to cross to dummy with a diamond to take the marked spade finesse, but before doing that Young considered the significance of East's double. Surely J632 of spades and the ace of hearts was not enough. So East must have intended his double as "Lightner", asking for an unusual lead. The only possible reason was that East was void in diamonds, so Young cashed the king of clubs, and with a flourish ruffed the ace of clubs. Now he had successfully reached dummy and could pick up East's jack of spades.

What do you think of West's lead? It was possible that East was doubling with say the ace and king of hearts. However, it would be risky for East to double with that holding — if declarer had a singleton heart he would still make the contract. The diamond void is more likely, so I think West should have found the diamond lead.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

MOUNSTER
a. A monster
b. A horseman
c. To barricade

COCKALORUM
a. A twerp
b. Chicken soup
c. Higgledy-piggledy

PARALOGISM
a. Interrupting
b. A skiing manoeuvre
c. Illogical reasoning

AUTOCHTHON
a. Aboriginal
b. Earning one's living
c. Hatred of automobiles

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

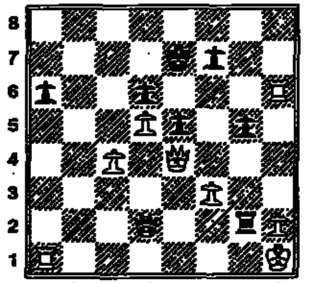
British prodigy

Luke McShane, 13, has become the youngest British player ever to achieve the international master title. His third and decisive result came at the tournament in Gelsenkirchen, Germany, where in the IBIS Master group he scored 65 per cent. Leading positions in the tournament were as follows: Lerner 7½; Cyborowski, Eingorn, Didishko, Ruzele and Arbakov 7; McShane 6½.

White: McShane
Black: Lipinsky
Gelsenkirchen, 1997
Sicilian Defence

	White	Black
1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	a6
6	Be3	Ng4
7	Bg5	h6
8	Bh4	g5
9	Bg3	Bg7
10	Qd2	Nc6
11	Nb3	Be6
12	f3	Nge5
13	Nd5	b5
14	Bf2	Rb8
15	Be2	Nc4
16	Bxc4	bxc4
17	Nd4	Bxd5
18	exd5	Ne5
19	Nf5	Bf6
20	Bd4	e6
21	Ne3	Nd3+
22	cxd3	Bxd4
23	dxc4	Bxb2
24	Rd1	e5
25	0-0	Bd4
26	Kh1	Rb2
27	Qd3	Bxe3
28	Qxe3	Qa5
29	Qe4	Qxa2
30	Ra1	Rf2
31	Rfb1	Qd2
32	Rb8+	Ke7
33	Rxh8	Rxg2
34	Rxh6	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



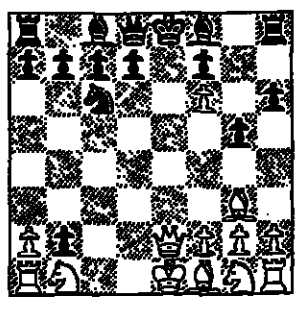
White: McShane
Black: Jirovsky
Gelsenkirchen, 1997
Scandinavian Defence

	White	Black
1	e4	d5
2	exd5	Qxd5
3	Nc3	Qd6
4	d4	Nf6
5	Nf3	a6
6	Be2	Nc6
7	0-0	Bf5
8	Be3	0-0-0
9	Bd3	e6
10	Ne2	Bg4
11	Ng5	Bh5
12	f3	Nd5
13	Bf2	f5
14	Ng3	Bg6
15	Re1	Nf4
16	Bc4	Nxd4
17	c3	h6
18	Qxd4	hxg5
19	Qa7	Qc6
20	Rad1	Bd6
21	Bxe6+	Nxe6
22	Rxe6	Bh7
23	Rdxd6	cxd6
24	Re7	Black resigns

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



Black to play. This position is from the game Russakov — Verlinski, USSR 1947. Here White was probably relying on the continuation 1 ... Be7 2 Qxb2 with an unbalanced position. Can you see what he had overlooked?

Solution on page 54

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

MADRID: Marathon: 1, Alberto Cuba (Cuba) 2hr 16min 1sec; 2, Alexis Cuba (Cuba) 2:16.45; 3, R Gavela (Sp) 2:19.41; 4, J L Chuveco (Sp) 2:20:46; 5, P K Rotich (Ken) 2:21:37

HORTON-IN-RIBBLESDALE, North Yorkshire: Pace Three Peaks fell race (23.5m, 4,500ft): Men: 1, I Holmes (Bingley) 2hr 52min 28sec; 2, P Sheard (Pudsey and Bramley) 3:00:57; 3, J Blackett (Mandale) 3:02:20; 4, P Briscoe (P&B) 3:06:02; 5, G Watson (Altrincham) 3:07:10; 6, R Hemes (Hunters Bog Trotters) 3:09:09 Over-40: G Schofield (Horwich, 11th overall) 3:12:11. Over-50: P McWade (Clayton-le-Moors, 26th) 3:20 56 (record) Over-60: L Sullivan (Clayton-le-Moors) 4:08:26. Team: Clayton-le-Moors 44 Veteran team: Clayton-le-Moors 122 Women: 1, C Greenwood (Bingley, 58th) 3:34:39; 2, V Peacock (Clayton-le-Moors, W35) 3:40:42; 3, K Slater (Keighley Hill Runners, W35) 3:54:58. Team: Clayton-le-Moors 534.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Seattle 2 Toronto 1; Boston 13 Baltimore 7; New York Yankees 7 Chicago White Sox 1; Milwaukee 6 Cleveland 5; Texas 7 Minnesota 3; Kansas City 7 Oakland 1; Anaheim 6 Detroit 5

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta 2 San Diego 0 (4½ inns); New York Mets 5 Montreal 3; St Louis 6 Colorado 2; Pittsburgh 7 Chicago Cubs 0; San Francisco 3 Houston 2; Florida 4 Los Angeles 3 Postponed: Cincinnati v Philadelphia.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Eastern Conference: Miami 104 Orlando 87 (Miami lead best-of-five series 2-0): Chicago 109 Washington 104 (Chicago lead 2-0), Detroit 93 Atlanta 80 (series tied 1-1) Western Conference: Los Angeles Lakers 107 Portland 93 (Los Angeles lead 2-0). Seattle 122 Phoenix 78 (series tied 1-1)

CRICKET

Second one-day international match

West Indies v India

PORT OF SPAIN (India won toss): India beat West Indies by ten wickets on revised target

WEST INDIES
S C Williams lbw b Prasad ... 3
S Chanderpaul c Sidhu b Kuruvilla ... 12
B C Lara c Ganguly b Prasad ... 0
C L Hooper c Jadeja b Kuruvila ... 14
J C Adams not out ... 35
R I C Holder c Kanm b Kuruvila ... 0
†C O Browne c and b Kumble ... 7
I R Bishop c Prasad b David ... 31
C E L Ambrose c Ganguly b David ... 4
F A Rose b David ... 5
*C A Walsh st Kanm b Kumble ... 3
Extras (b 1, lb 2, w 4) ... 7
Total (43.5 overs) ... 121
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-5, 3-32, 4-32, 5-32, 6-44, 7-100, 8-107, 9-116
BOWLING: Prasad 8-1-22-2; Kuruvilla 10-2-23-3; Kumble 8 5-3-22-2; Jadeja 8-1-26-0; David 8-0-21-3; Dravid 1-0-4-0.

INDIA
*S R Tendulkar not out ... 65
S C Ganguly not out ... 39
Extras (b 4, lb 3, w 3, nb 2) ... 12
Total (23.1 overs) ... 116
N S Sidhu, R S Dravid, M Azharuddin, A D Jadeja, †S S Kanm, A R Kumble, N David, A P Kuruvilla and B K V Prasad did not bat.
BOWLING: Ambrose 6-1-21-0; Rose 7-1-32-0; Walsh 6-1-17-0; Bishop 4-0-35-0; Hooper 0.1-0-4-0
Man of the match: A P Kuruvilla
Umpires: C Cumberbatch and E Nicholls.

DRAKES HUDDERSFIELD LEAGUE: Marsden 186-6 Linthwaite 151-8; Elland 134 Broad Oak 144-8; Kirkburton 186-5 Skelmanthorpe 255-6; Meltham 115-5 Holmfirth 113; Shepley 161 Scholes 199-8; Slaithwaite 201-5 Honley 145-6; Thongsbridge 145-8 Lascelles Hall 146-3

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: York 125 Hull 129-9.

ABBOT ALE NATIONAL COMPETITION: First round: Kendal 203-5 Blackpool 166-7; Workington 36 Chorley 37-1, Preston 111 Warrington 115-4, Lancaster 154-9 Fulwood and Broughton 111; Leyland 113-9 Barrow 109; Leyland Dal 148-5 Roe Green 167-9 (Leyland Dal win on faster run rate)

FOOTBALL

Sunday's late results

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Sporting Lisbon 2 Vitória Setubal 1, Boavista 7 Gil Vicente 0

WORLD CUP: African zone: Group one: Burkina Faso 1 Nigeria 2 (in Ouagadougou) Concacaf zone: Final round: Canada 0 Jamaica 0 (in Vancouver)

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: São Paulo championship: Aracatuba 1 São Jose 0, Corinthians 1 Portuguesa 1; Internacional Limeira 5 America (SJ Rio Preto) 0, Mogi Mirim 2 Guarani 2; Portuguesa Santista 1 Palmeiras 4, Rio Branco 3 Botafogo (Ribeirao Preto) 0; Santos 1 União São João 1; São Paulo 8 Juventus 1. Rio de Janeiro championship: Bangu 0 Fluminense 2; Botafogo 1 Vasco da Gama 0; Flamengo 3 Americano 0; Volta Redonda 2 Madureira 1

OTHER MATCH: Rest of the World XI 4 v Europe XI 3 (in Barcelona)

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Chigwellians 7 Cholmeleians 0; Foresters 2 Brentwoods 2.

GOLF

ST ANDREWS: International match: Scotland v France: Foursomes: (Scotland names first: Brooks and Howard halved with Ravetto and David; Rankin and Watson bt Ilouz and Nicolay 2 and 1; Beames and Forbes bt Stolear and De Polo 2 and 1; Forsyth and Mackenzie lost to Havret and Goroneskoul 5 and 3). Singles: (Scotland names first: Brooks lost to Ravetto 2 and 1; Rankin bt David 4 and 2; Howard halved with Ilouz; Forsyth bt Stolear 4 and 2; Watson lost to Nicolay 3 and 2; Mackenzie lost to De Polo 4 and 3; Forbes bt Goroneskoul 2 and 1; Beames lost to Havret 3 and 2. Overall match result: Scotland 15 France 9.

GREENSBORO, North Carolina: Greater Greensboro Chrysler Classic: Leading final scores (United States unless stated): 274: F Nobilo (NZ) 69, 69, 69, 67; B Faxon 67, 70, 65, 72 (Nobilo won at first extra hole). 275: K Triplett 67, 69, 69, 70 276: B Andrade 72, 68, 67, 69; R Damron 66, 72, 67, 71. 277: D Love 72, 69, 69, 67. Other scores: 278: T Kite 67, 68, 67, 76. 279: M O'Meara 72, 67, 73, 67; P Mickelson 71, 68, 70, 70, E Els (SA) 69, 69, 67, 74. 281: P Stankowski 69, 68, 69, 75 282: S Appleby (Aus) 70, 72, 71, 69. 286: J Parnevik (Swe) 72, 70, 71, 73. 288: V Singh (Fiji) 69, 69, 71, 79 289: A Lyle (GB) 66, 77, 72, 74; S Elkington (Aus) 67, 71, 75, 76

STOCKBRIDGE, Georgia: Women's tournament: Leading final scores (tournament shortened to two rounds: United States unless stated): 137: N Lopez 71, 66. 139: T Barrett 70, 69; D Richard 69, 70; K Webb (Aus) 69, 70. 140: L Kane 68, 72. 141: K Robbins 71, 70; L Mills 71, 70; A Dibos (Peru) 71, 70; J Briles-Hinton 70, 71; S Redman 69, 72; H Kobayashi (Japan) 69, 72 142: D Reid 72, 70; J Stephenson (Aus) 72, 70; L Kean 70, 72; L Dawes (GB) 70, 72; J Dickinson 69, 73 Other British scores: 143: A Nicholas 71, 72 148: S Strudwick 74, 74; K Davies 71, 77 149: P Wright 76, 73; C Matthew 71, 78 150: K Marshall 72, 78. 153: P Johnson 80, 73; H Dobson 73, 80 154: S Maynor 73, 81

LAS VEGAS: Las Vegas Senior Classic: Leading final scores (United States unless stated). 207: H Irwin 70, 65, 72. 208: I Aoki (Japan) 66, 71, 71 211: J Colbert 72, 66, 73, J Jacobs (GB) 70, 67, 74. Other scores: 213: R Floyd 70, 69, 74. 216: L Trevino 72, 70, 74, G Marsh (Aus) 71, 68, 77. 218: R Charles (NZ) 73, 68, 77 219: B Barnes (GB) 77, 69, 73 220: A Jacklin (GB) 74, 75, 71.

HOCKEY

SCOTTISH MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Kelburne 1 Gordonians 3; Edinburgh University 3 Inverleith 2, Grange 2 Western Grasshopper 2; MIM 5 Watsonians 1, Wanderers 2 Menzieshill 2.

SCOTTISH WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Western 4 Hyndland 1: Grove 4 Western A 0.

WOMEN'S SCOTTISH CUP: Semi-finals: Edinburgh Ladies 3 Menzieshill 1: Grove 4 Hyndland 0

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup: Play-offs: Eastern Conference: Buffalo 3 Ottawa 0 (best-of-seven series tied 3-3). Western Conference: Detroit 3 St Louis 1 (Detroit win 4-2), Dallas 3 Edmonton 2 (series tied 3-3); Anaheim 3 Phoenix 2 (OT) (series tied 3-3).

FINLAND: World championships: Helsinki: Pool A: Czech Republic 2 Finland 1. Turku: Pool B: Sweden 7 Canada 2.

LACROSSE

TOKYO: Women's World Cup: Scotland 9 Japan 4; Australia 6 Canada 0; Wales 2 United States 13.

MOTOR RACING

NAZARETH, Pennsylvania: Bosch Indycar Grand Prix: Leading positions: 1, P Tracy (Can) Penske-Mercedes, 225 laps completed; 2, M Andretti (US) Swift-Ford, 225; 3, A Unser Jr (US) Penske-Mercedes, 225; 4, G de Ferran (Br) Reynard-Honda, 225; 5, J Vasser (US) Reynard-Honda, 224; 6, R Rahal (US) Reynard-Ford, 224; 7, B Herta (US) Reynard-Ford, 224; 8, R Boesel (Br) Reynard-Ford, 224; 9, M Gugelmin (Br) Reynard-Mercedes, 224; 10, S Pruett (US) Reynard-Ford, 224. British positions: 13, D Franchitti Reynard-Mercedes, 222; 19, M Blundell Reynard-Mercedes, 178. Leading overall positions: 1, Andretti 51; 2, Pruett 47; 3, Tracy 45; 4, A Zanardi (It) Reynard-Honda 43; 5, Vasser 29; 6, Gugelmin 28.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Bradford Bulls 54 Sheffield Eagles 10; London Broncos 40 Leeds Rhinos 16.

SNOOKER

CRUCIBLE THEATRE, Sheffield: Embassy world championship: Second round (best of 25 frames): K Doherty (Ire) bt S Davis (Eng) 13-3; J Parrott (Eng) bt A Hamilton (Eng) 13-11; J Wattana (Thai) leads S Lee (Eng) 10-6; J Higgins (Scot) leads D Dale (Wales) 12-4.

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Glasgow 48 Stoke 42; Newcastle 44 Hull 46.

AMATEUR LEAGUE: Lathallan 30 Berwick 48; Milden Hall 53 East Anglian Angels (Ipswich and King's Lynn) 25; M4 Raven Sprockets 34 Ryde (IoW) 43.

TABLE TENNIS

MANCHESTER: World championship (selected results): Men: Group A: Italy 3 Yugoslavia 2. Group B: Belarus 3 Slovakia 1. Group C: Hong Kong 3 Denmark 2. Group D: Russia 3 Hungary 2; Japan 3 Czech Republic 2. Last 32: England 3 Egypt 0; Yugoslavia 3 Canada 0; Greece 3 Belarus 2; Holland 3 Spain 1, Sweden 3 England 1; South Korea 3 Yugoslavia 1. Other matches: Group C4: Bulgaria 3 Wales 0 Group H: Vietnam 3 Scotland 1; Bosnia 3 Scotland 3-1. Group L: Mongolia 3 Guernsey 1; Macao 3 Guernsey 0 Group M: Ghana 3 Jersey 0; Lebanon 3 Jersey 0. Group N: Azerbaijan 3 Isle of Man 0; Isle of Man w/o Siera Leone scr: Isle of Man 3 Sudan 2. Women: Last 16: Hong Kong 3 Hungary 1; North Korea 3 Croatia 0; Sweden 3 Russia 2; Japan 3 Belarus 0. Positions 17-20: France 3 England 1. Quarter-finals: China 3 Hong Kong 0; Germany 3 Sweden 2; North Korea 3 Romania 2; South Korea 3 Japan 2. Semi-finals: China 3 Germany 0; North Korea 3 South Korea 0. Second stage: Group C5: Czech Republic 3 Wales 0. Group C6: England 3 United States 2; England 3 Luxembourg 2. Group C: Wales 3 Austria 1. Group E: Indonesia 3 Wales 1. Group J: Latvia 3 Isle of Man 0; Mexico 3 Isle of Man 1; South Africa 3 Isle of Man 0. Group K: Algeria 3 Scotland 0; Colombia 3 Scotland 2; Venuzuela 3 Scotland 0. Group L: Ireland 3 Malta 0.

TENNIS

ORLANDO: Men's tournament: Final: M Chang (US) bt G Stafford (SA) 4-6, 6-2, 6-1

VOLLEYBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Women: First division: Liverpool 0 Britannia Music City 3; London 3 Birmingham 0

WATER POLO

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Birkenhead 12 Coventry 11, Bristol 13 Lancaster 3; Nova 18 Sutton 9; Penguin 16 Royton 12; Rotherham 11 Polytechnic 8; Bristol 23 Royton 7; Nova 11 Polytechnic 9; Penguin 5 Lancaster 7; Rotherham 11 Sutton 11.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday May 3

Coupon No, fixture	forecast
FA PREMIERSHIP	
1 Chelsea v Leeds	1
2 Coventry v Derby	1
3 Middlesbro v A Villa	1
4 Nottm F v Wimbledon	X
5 South'pton v Blackb'n	1
6 Sunderland v Everton	X
7 W Ham v Sheff W	1
SECOND DIVISION	
8 Brentford v Peterboro	1
9 Bristol R v Rotherham	1
10 Burnley v Watford	1
11 Bury v Millwall	1
12 Chest'f'd v Notts Co	1
13 Gill'gham v Shr'sbury	1
14 Luton v Stockport	1
15 Plym'th v Bournem'th	2
16 Preston v Walsall	1
17 Wrexham v Blackpool	2
18 Wycombe v Bristol C	X
19 York v Crewe	2
THIRD DIVISION	
20 Barnet v Colchester	X
21 Cambridge v Fulham	2
22 Carlisle v Exeter	1
23 Chester v Leyton O	1
24 Darlington v Cardiff	2
25 Doncaster v Torquay	1
26 Hereford v Brighton	2
27 Hull v Scarborough	X
28 Lincoln v Rochdale	1
29 North'pton v Sc'th'pe	1
30 Swansea v Hartlepool	1
31 Wigan v Mansfield	1
VAUXHALL CONFERENCE	
32 Farnborough v Telf'd	X
SCOTTISH PREMIER	
33 Aberdeen v Raith	1
34 Dundee Utd v Hearts	2
35 Dunf'line v Kilmarn'k	X
SCOTTISH FIRST	
36 East Fife v Airdrie	2
37 G Morton v Dundee	2
38 Partick v Falkirk	1
39 S J'stone v St Mirren	1
40 Stirling v Clydebank	1
SCOTTISH SECOND	
41 Ayr v Brechin	1
42 Clyde v Hamilton	2
43 Dumb'ton v Q of Sth	X
44 Livingston v Stranraer	1
45 Stenh'muir v Berwick	1
SCOTTISH THIRD	
46 Arbroath v Alloa	2
47 Inverness v Forfar	X
48 Montrose v C'd'b'th	X
49 Queens Pk v Ross	2

DRAWS (home teams): Nottingham Forest, Sunderland, Wycombe, Barnet, Hull, Farnborough, Dunfermline, Dumbarton, Inverness CT, Montrose

BEST DRAWS: Sunderland, Wycombe, Barnet, Dumbarton, Montrose

AWAYS: Bournemouth, Fulham, Cardiff, Brighton, Airdrie

HOMES: Chelsea, Coventry, Bristol Rovers, Burnley, Chesterfield, Gillingham, Carlisle, Doncaster, Wigan, Aberdeen.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Coventry, Bristol Rovers, Chesterfield, Gillingham, Doncaster. Aways: Fulham, Brighton, Airdrie. Draws: Sunderland, Barnet, Dumbarton.

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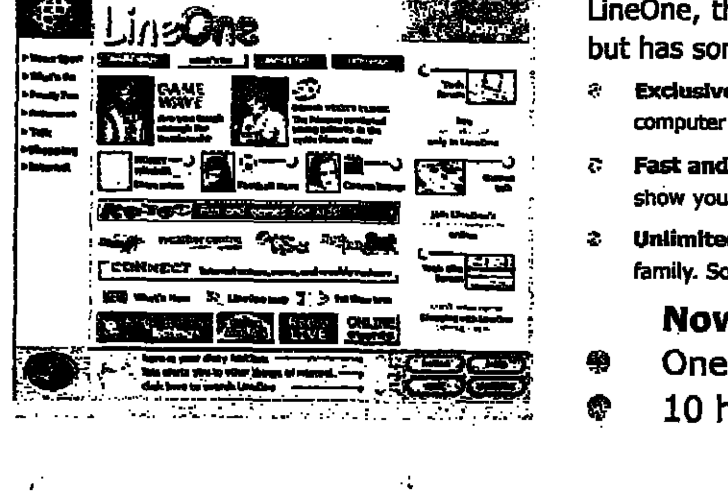

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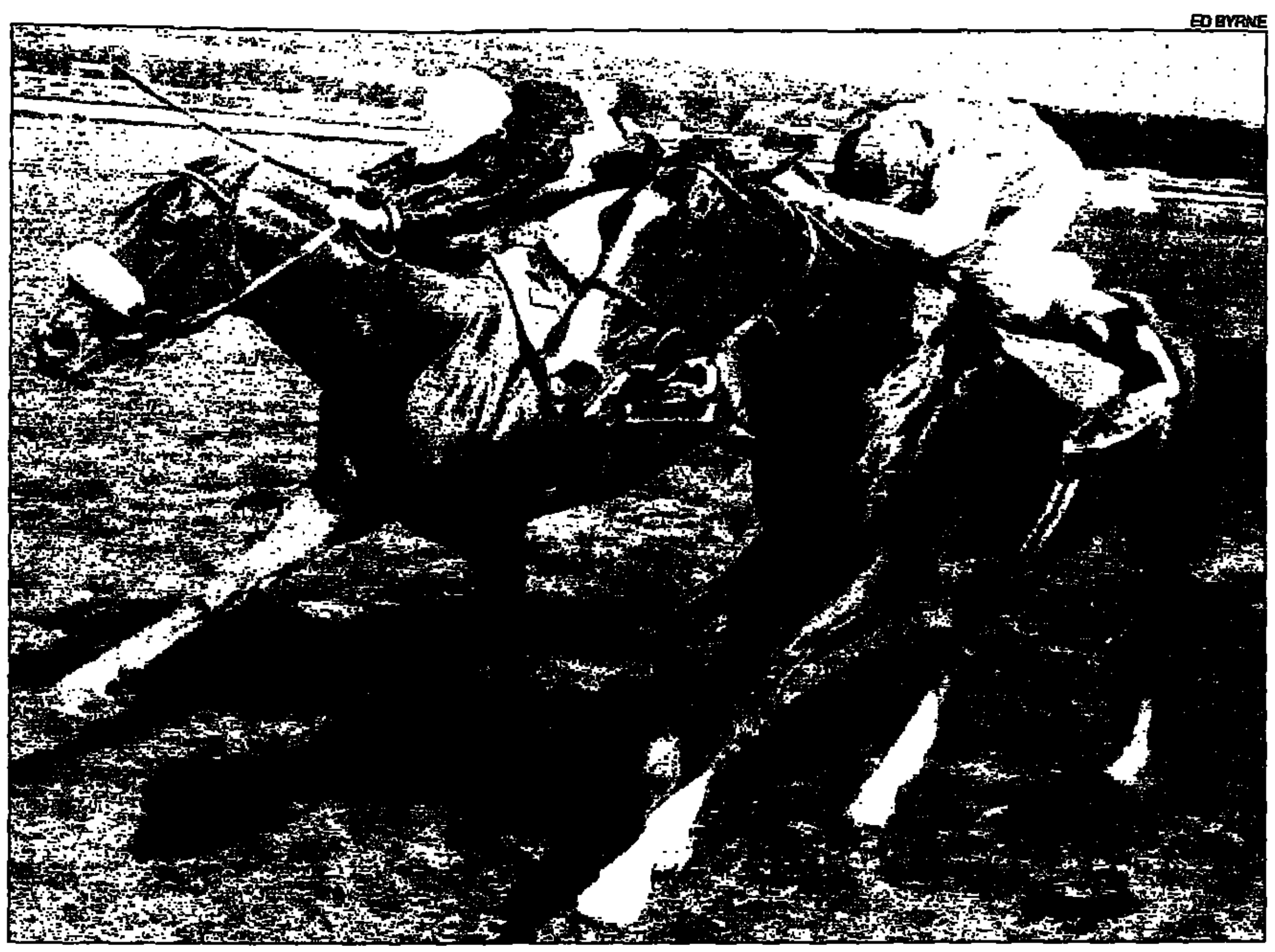
RACING: FABRE CONFIDENT OF PROMINENT DISPLAY IN 2,000 GUINEAS

Zamindar settles into new role

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT


ED BYRNE

Fabre expects Zamindar, right, to improve on his second to Bahamian Bounty in the Prix Morny at Deauville last year

SINCE Khaled Abdulla bought a stud in Kentucky specifically for rearing yearlings more than a decade ago, the best of the 120 bluebloods bred to race each season have been allocated a rating, on a scale up to ten.

Until recently none, not even Zafonic, the top two-year-old colt of 1992 and record-breaking winner of the 2,000 Guineas, had been deemed worthy of the maximum rating.

However, when Zafonic's brother became ready to follow his illustrious relation and join André Fabre at Chantilly, the experts who run Abdulla's Juddmonte Farms operation finally relented and granted Zamindar the ultimate accolade: ten out of ten.

"We rated Zafonic a nine but everyone got bold and rated Zamindar a ten," John Chandler, president of Juddmonte Farms in the United States, said. "As a foal and yearling, Zamindar was possibly not as massively dominant as Zafonic but I always thought Zamindar had a little bit more finesse."

The racecourse performances of Zamindar as a two-year-old were useful — he won a group three race and was placed twice in group one company — without living up to expectations. However, with the five-day declarations for Saturday's Pertemps 2,000 Guineas made yesterday, there are sound reasons for believing that Zamindar can become an equine Bo Derek — and justify a rating of ten.

A change in racing style has brought about considerable improvement. Last year, he tended to make the running and on his final start became involved in a cutthroat duel with The West in the Prix de la Salamandre which set up the race for Revoque.

Zamindar now settles off the pace and the results could be electrifying if a recent gallop with good-class stablemates at Maisons-Laffitte is an accurate guide. Shaal, who provided Zamindar with a lead, won a listed race at Longchamp on Sunday.

Fabre yesterday confirmed the difference in Zamindar since he has settled. "He works quite impressively when he does that," Fabre said. "My horses last year were probably affected by a virus. This year they are in good shape so I think this horse has not yet shown his true form. He missed his prep race because he had a setback so I had to work him at home. I am pleased with him and think he is going to run well."

Fabre, who rarely makes such bullish statements, pointed out that when Zamindar was just beaten by Bahamian Bounty in the Prix Morny at Deauville last August, Pas De Reponse, the joint-favourite for the 1,000 Guineas, was three lengths away in third.

When a trainer of Fabre's calibre sets out his stall, it is time to take notice. He boasts an outstanding record in Britain and his enthusiasm for Zamindar is infectious. At 16-1 with the Tote, Zamindar is excellent each-way value.

While Zamindar prepares for his cross-Channel raid, the Godolphin horses arrived in Britain yesterday from Dubai. "They have arrived safely and are in tip-top shape," Simon Crisford, Godolphin's racing manager, said.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Northern Drums
(5.20 Nottingham)
Nb: Change For A Buck
(3.45 Nottingham)

Gaelic Blue suited by stamina test

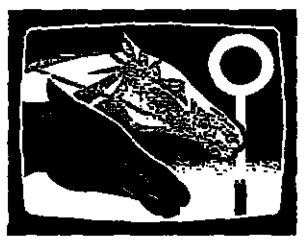
ASCOT — BBC2

5.30: Two headstrong front-runners, El Freddie and Olympian, should set this up for something to come from behind. Cassio's Boy and Meditator fit the bill but lack the scope of **Lyphantastic**, a useful novice two years ago. He has been off the course with leg injuries but his trainer, Charlie Mann, is a dab hand at bringing back runners after an absence.

6.00: Storm Alert and Big Matt, the course specialists, are too high in the handicap, but they are more consistent than Thumbs Up and Cumbrian Challenge. **Time Won't Wait** gets the vote. He shaped well — ridden close to a strong pace and making his ground too soon — when fourth to Uncle Ernie at Cheltenham in March. Last time he was travelling well when hampered and unseating at Aintree. Bertone is improving but needs 2½ miles.

6.30: Nearly every horse in this contest is a front-runner and **Gaelic Blue** can swoop from off the pace. He overcame an inadequate test of stamina to win at Ayr last time and is improving fast. His trainer, Sue Smith, is in form.

JAMES WILLOUGHBY


TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

BATH

THUNDERER
2.00 Irsal. 2.30 Tear White. 3.00 Watch Me. 3.30 Bold Oriental. 4.00 Anokato. 4.30 Whisky Mac. 5.00 **PIKE CREEK** (nap).

Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.00 **PIKE CREEK**.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F, LOW BEST SIS

2.00 BLATHWAYT MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,784: 1m 2f 46yd) (11 runners)

1	(11)	0-	ARTHUR'S SEAT 258 Lord Huntingdon 9-0	R Perham	–
2	(2)	0-	COPPER SHELL 279 A Jones 9-0	S Drowne	–
3	(1)	000-	FIRST MAN 143 B Llewellyn 9-0	R Price	–
4	(9)	5-6	IRSAL 18 (BF) A Stewart 9-0	M Roberts	93
5	(7)	5	LAUREL SEEKER 19 Mrs A Perrett 9-0	Gaye Harwood (7)	87
6	(6)	3-5	NATURAL EIGHT 14 B Hills 9-0	M Hills	[illegible]
7	(4)	5	NORTH WHITE PLAINS 13 C Brittain 9-0	B Doyle	–
8	(3)		COINCIDENCE M Channon 8-9	A Eddery (7)	–
9	(10)	3-	COWTHAREE 252 M Stoute 8-9	S Sanders	84
10	(8)	00-	FANTASY GIRL 222 J Dunlop 8-9	Paul Eddery	–
11	(5)	6	MAID OF CAMELOT 14 R Charlton 8-9	Pat Eddery	98

5-2 Natural Eight, 3-1 Maid Of Camelot, 9-2 Cowtharee, 8-1 Coincidence, Irsal 12-1 Laurel Seeker, 14-1 others.

2.30 SPA SELLING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,262: 5f 11yd) (10)

1	(5)	00-4	SILVER LINING 8 (D,F) A Jones 9-3	B Doyle	95
2	(9)	3246	TEAR WHITE 6 (B,D,F) T Mills 9-3	A Whelan (3)	96
3	(2)	6245	BON GUEST 8 (B) T Naughton 8-12	Paul Eddery	88
4	(9)	300-	CAUDA EQUINA 247 M Channon 8-12	P P Murphy (5)	[illegible]
5	(7)	0-0	DR WOODSTOCK 7 M Meade 8-12	R Havlin (3)	–
6	(6)	5	HI MUJTAHID 8 J Bradley 8-12	R Ffrench (5)	78
7	(1)	0-60	LITTLESTONE ROCKET 19 W Muir 8-12	Pat Eddery	97
8	(10)	4056	WHIZZ KID 8 (D,F) J Bridger 8-12	F Norton	88
9	(3)	-444	NOPALEA 63 T Naughton 8-7	S Sanders	98
10	(4)	0	OUR DROWSY MAGGIE 17 W Brisbourne 8-7	Martin Dwyer (3)	–

3-1 Cauda Equina, 4-1 Nopalea, Tear White, 6-1 Silver Lining, 7-1 others.

3.00 CORSTON CONDITIONS STAKES
(£4,714: 5f 11yd) (9)

1	(1)	050-	AVERTI 171 (D,F,G) W Muir 6-9-10	M Roberts	88
2	(9)	430-	ALMATY 273 (D,G) J Gosden 4-9-4	M Hills	[illegible]
3	(5)	010-	CROWDED AVENUE 212 (D,F,G) P Makin 5-9-4	S Sanders	95
4	(7)	32-0	DASHING BLUE 11 (D,F,G) I Balding 4-9-4	Martin Dwyer (3)	94
5	(2)	00-1	REPERTORY 11 (D,F,G) M Saunders 4-9-4	R Perham	88
6	(6)	5-04	WATCH ME 10 (G) R Hannon 4-9-3	Pat Eddery	98
7	(4)	2/6	ANOTHERANNIVERSARY 24 (D,G) G Lewis 4-8-13	Paul Eddery	83
8	(8)	210-	VAX STAR 270 (D,F,G) J Spearing 3-8-13	S Drowne	85
9	(3)	21-0	JENNELLE 31 (D,F,G,S) C Dwyer 3-8-9	Jo Hunnam (7)	85

3-1 Almaty, 5-1 Averti, Crowded Avenue, Vax Star, 6-1 Repertory, 7-1 Watch Me, 8-1 Jennelle, 10-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: S Williams, 3 winners from 5 runners, 60.0%, J Gosden, 4 from 9, 44.4%, M Stoute, 8 from 22, 36.4%, R Charlton, 12 from 36, 33.3%, Lord Huntingdon, 6 from 25, 24.0%, J Dunlop, 9 from 42, 21.4%.

JOCKEYS: M Henry, 9 winners from 35 rides, 25.7%, Pat Eddery, 19 from 90, 21.1%; Paul Eddery, 11 from 66, 16.7%; S Sanders, 6 from 42, 14.3%, M Hills, 5 from 38, 13.2%; M J Dwyer, 3 from 28, 10.7%

3.30 RACING CHANNEL HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,556: 1m 2f 46yd) (12)

1	(9)	033-	INDIUM 188 J Gosden 9-7	G Hind	94
2	(6)	4-40	HEART OF ARMOR 12 P Cole 9-6	David O'Neill (7)	94
3	(7)	1-00	BOLD ORIENTAL 12 (F) N Callaghan 9-6	Pat Eddery	97
4	(3)	6-21	HERE'S TO HOWIE 18 (D,F) R Hannon 9-3	R Perham	[illegible]
5	(2)	100-	GOODWOOD LASS 215 (G) J Dunlop 9-0	Paul Eddery	90
6	(10)	42-2	PROTOCOL 25 (BF) J Hills 9-0	M Hills	92
7	(12)	653-	EPONINE 213 M Channon 8-11	B Doyle	93
8	(11)	4524	TIME CAN TELL 12 (G) C Murray 8-9	D McKeown	97
9	(1)	003-	TARTAN PARTY 187 P Cole 8-5	R Ffrench (5)	98
10	(8)	0521	KROSNO 15 (F) S Williams 8-3	M Henry (3)	93
11	(4)	004-	RUNNING FREE 178 M Fetherston-Godley 7-11	F Norton	95
12	(5)	0546	MISS BARCELONA 12 M Polglase 7-10	R Mullen (5)	90

7-2 Indium, 9-2 Bold Oriental, 6-1 Time Can Tell, 8-1 Heart Of Armor, Eponine, Tartan Party, 10-1 others.

4.00 BRISTOL ROVERS HANDICAP
(£3,015: 5f 11yd) (15)

1	(4)	0-21	BEAU VENTURE 19 (C,D,F,G,S) B Palling 9-10-0	B Doyle	90
2	(12)	0663	INTIAASH 25 (F,G) D Haydn Jones 5-9-12	Pat Eddery	90
3	(2)	/00-	SHARP STOCK 351 R Hodges 4-9-12	S Drowne	–
4	(1)	0-06	CRYSTAL HEIGHTS 18 (F,G) R O'Sullivan 9-9-12	S Sanders	85
5	(6)	00-2	RIVER TERN 12 (F) J Bradley 4-9-9	R Ffrench (5)	96
6	(13)	440-	TINKER OSMASTON 272 (C,D,F) M Saunders 6-9-8	R Perham	85
7	(7)	13-4	ANOKATO 17 (B,D,BF,F) K Ivory 3-8-13	M Henry (3)	85
8	(5)	60-0	ED'S FOLLY 19 S Dow 4-8-11	D McKeown	85
9	(14)	33-6	JOHN O'DREAMS 12 (C,D,G) Mrs A King 12-8-9	M Roberts	86
10	(15)	3113	GREY KINGDOM 4 (BF,F,G) M Brittain 6-8-9 (7ex)	D Merragh (7)	[illegible]
11	(10)	00-5	FLYING HAROLD 34 M Channon 4-8-1	N Adams	84
12	(8)	440-	TEE-EMM 311 (B,D,F,G) R Sampson 7-7-10	F Norton	85
13	(3)	0504	BRIGHT PARAGON 8 (D,G) K Ivory 8-7-10	Martin Dwyer (3)	86
14	(11)	0-00	MISTER SEAN 8 (B) J Bradley 4-7-10	J Fowle (7)	–
15	(9)	-000	INDIAN WOLF 29 B Llewellyn 4-7-10	N Carlisle	–

3-1 Grey Kingdom, 5-1 Beau Venture, 7-1 River Tern, 8-1 Intiaash, Bright Paragon, 10-1 Flying Harold, 12-1 others.

4.30 PENSFORD MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,188: 5f 11yd) (11)

1	(8)		DANDE TIMES D Arbuthnot 8-6	S Sanders	–
2	(11)		SUMMER RIVER C Murray 8-6	D McKeown	–
3	(1)		WHISKY MACK R Hannon 8-6	Pat Eddery	–
4	(7)		BRANDON FRANK I Balding 8-3	Martin Dwyer (3)	–
5	(5)		EUROFEN (V) P Evans 8-3	D R McCabe	–
6	(3)	0	CLOUDBERRY 13 P Meehan 8-1	B Doyle	[illegible]
7	(6)		BALLET RAMBERT M Heaton-Ellis 7-12	R Ffrench (5)	–
8	(10)	60	BLISS 18 Mrs P Dutfield 7-12	Aimee Cook (5)	89
9	(9)		POLLY IN PARIS M Meade 7-12	N Adams	–
10	(2)		SCENE M Meade 7-12	F Norton	–
11	(4)	45	SOLWAY LASS 19 P Eccles 7-12	J Lowe	96

5-2 Whisky Mack, 7-2 Brandon Frank, 5-1 Cloudberry, 7-1 Eurofen, 10-1 others.

5.00 EMPIRE FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,488: 1m 3f 144yd) (9)

1	(7)	450-	ROUFONTAINE 200 (D,F,G,S) W Muir 6-10-0	R Havlin (3)	96
2	(9)	00-4	PIKE CREEK 8 (D,F) I Balding 4-9-13	Pat Eddery	[illegible]
3	(4)	242-	MIGHTY PHANTOM 213 (D,F,G) J Hills 4-9-11	M Hills	92
4	(2)	130-	AFON ALWEN 196 (F) S Williams 4-8-10	M Henry (3)	91
5	(6)	510/	LAST LAUGH 174J (D,F,G) N Babbage 5-8-9	B Doyle	–
6	(1)	4460	HILL FARM DANCER 17 (C,D,F,G) W Brisbourne 6-8-5	R Mullen (5)	96
7	(5)	0-00	ON THE WILDSIDE 5 M Channon 4-8-0	P P Murphy (5)	91
8	(8)	-342	PORTITE SOPHIE 5 (G) M Brittain 6-7-10	D Merragh (7)	98
9	(3)	056-	BRONZE MAQUETTE 300 R Simpson 7-7-10	R Ffrench (5)	80

9-4 Pike Creek, 3-1 Portite Sophie, 7-2 Mighty Phantom, 5-1 Roufontaine, 10-1 Afon Alwen, Hill Farm Dancer, 12-1 others.

HUNTINGDON

THUNDERER
5.15 Idiotic. 5.45 Secret Bay. 6.15 Undawaterscubadiva. 6.50 Struggles Glory. 7.20 Slievenamon Mist. 7.50 Able Player.

Carl Evans: 5.15 Idiotic. 5.45 Billion Dollarbill. 6.50 Struggles Glory. 7.20 Slievenamon Mist.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

5.15 ROBERT LENTON MEMORIAL HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,147: 3m) (6 runners)

1	14-11	DROMIN LEADER 29 (D,F,G,S) J Turner 12-12-7	A Sansome (5)
2	F514	IDIOTIC 13 (F,G,S) P Chamings 9-12-7	C Vigors (5)
3	P401	KINO 23P (G,S) A J Martin 10-12-0	Andrew Martin (7)
4	4023	KUSHBALOO 22 (D,F,G) C Parker 12-12-0	A Parker (7)
5	/4-U	TAMMY'S FRIEND 29 (B,CD,F) Mrs G Hay 10-12-0	J Ferguson (7)
6	/P612	WOODY WILL 10P (F) Mrs E Coveney 11-12-0	Mrs E Coveney (7)

9-4 Idiotic, 5-2 Dromin Leader, 3-1 Kushbaloo, 7-1 Tammy's Friend, 10-1 Woody Will, 12-1 Kino

5.45 GEOFFREY BEVAN MEMORIAL NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,220: 3m) (10)

1	RRP2	CARDINAL RED 17P (B,F,G,S) J Turner 10-12-7	A Sansome (5)
2	1111	SECRET BAY 15 (F,G) C Dennis 8-12-7	S Swiers
3	-1R1	BILLION DOLLARBILL 29P (F,G) Mrs P Tetley 9-12-0	M Gorman (7)
4	00-U	COOL BANDIT 65P Mrs D Grissell 7-12-0	T Hills (7)
5	F-PP	LOYAL GAIT 17 (F) A Darlington 9-12-0	Andrew Martin (7)
6	P4/5	MR PINBALL 31P (B) Mrs D Cowley 10-12-0	M Cowley (7)
7	UUR3	NOTARY-NOWELL 10P (B,G) Mrs R Pilkington 11-12-0	R J Barratt (7)
8	4533	SMART PAL 29P (G) B Knox 12-12-0	Mrs F Needham (7)
9	-U15	TAU 10P (F) Miss F McLachlan 13-12-0	A Warr (7)
10	POP2	SPACE MOLLY 16P (B) Mrs N Ley 8-11-9	Mr P Cowley (7)

6-4 Secret Bay, 3-1 Cardinal Red, 7-1 Billion Dollarbill, 9-1 Tau, 10-1 others

6.15 S P S ADVERTISING AMATEUR RIDERS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,250: 2m 110yd) (9)

1	PU1B	ABSOLUTE LIMIT 4 (F) J Gifford 5-11-13	R Walley (7)
2	P000	BATHWICK BOBBIE 63 M Bolton 10-11-6	J Naylor (7)
3	20P	GLIDE PATH 6F J Jenkins 8-11-6	M Mannish (7)
4	0-5P	GREG'S PROFILES 67 N Twiston-Davies 6-11-6	M Rimell (3)
5	534	REAL MADRID 19 G Enright 6-11-6	A Winde (7)
6	33	UNDAWATERSCUBADIVA 28F (BF) M Pipe 5-11-6	C Bonner (3)
7	FP-U	CLERIC ON BROADWAY 59 J Pearce 9-11-1	B Harriss (7)
8	6302	GI MOSS 4 (B) P Harriss 10-11-1	E James (7)
9	0P-3	NELL VALLEY 7 C Brooks 6-11-1	

5-4 Absolute Limit, 5-1 Glide Path, 6-1 Undawaterscubadiva, 10-1 others

6.50 HUNTINGDON RESTRICTED SERIES NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE FINAL
(Amateurs: £1,548: 3m) (10)

1	1111	STRUGGLES GLORY 17 (D,F,G) D Robinson 6-12-7	D C Robinson (7)
2	-111	MISTER SPECTATOR 24P (F) Mrs A Hickman 9-12-4	S Andrews (3)
3	1113	BALLYALLIA CASTLE 31P (F,G) Mrs J Reed 8-12-0	N Bloom (7)
4	332P	GRASSINGTON 24P (F) S Dunk 5-12-0	Scott Dunk (7)
5	4-13	GREYBURY STAR 59P (G) Mrs D Sill 9-12-0	P Bull (7)
6	43P	SOME TOURIST 59P N Benstead 9-12-0	N Benstead (7)
7	23-	TARRY AWHILE 16P (G) C Hean 11-12-0	J Connell (7)
8	-F11	TAURA'S RASCAL 17P (F,S) F Brennan 5-12-0	F Brennan (7)
9	4214	CURRENT ATTRACTION 10P H Hill 11-11-9	Miss C Tuke (7)
10	68F2	GIVE IT A BASH 29P (F) Mrs A Clover 9-11-9	T Moore (7)

7-4 Struggles Glory, 5-2 Mister Spectator, 7-1 Ballyallia Castle, 8-1 others.

7.20 DR WAKES-MILLER 60TH BIRTHDAY HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,240: 2m 4f 110yd) (15)

1	1-11	SLIEVENAMON MIST 57 (D,F) V Darnall 11-12-7	J Jukes (5)
2	4523	HICKELTON LAD 29 (D,F,G) D Williams 13-12-5	S Dureck (7)
3	4614	NOT MY LINE 15 (G) A Morgan 9-12-5	W Wales (5)
4	P-PS	TUDOR FABLE 10 (D,G,S) C Sweeting 9-12-5	R Sweeting (7)
5	4224	BASHER BILL 23P (F,G) K Giles 14-12-0	Mrs E Coveney (7)
6	4-4P	CANDLE GLOW 10 (C,F,S) P Hutchinson 9-12-0	P Hutchinson (7)
7	2331	COUNTERBID 17P (B,D,F,G,S) J Turner 10-12-0	A Sansome (5)
8	-4R6P	FISH QUAY 25 (F,G,S) Mrs K Lamb 14-12-0	Miss S Lamb (7)
9	1-34	KAMBALDA RAMBLER 56 (D,F) R Harvey 13-12-0	R Armson (7)
10	5632	KILLIMOR LAD 29P D Samworth 10-12-0	Miss S Samworth (7)
11	PPP-	LUCKY LANDING 23P A J Martin 6-12-0	Andrew Martin (7)
12	3PP	MY YOUNG MAN 59 (F,G,S) C Brooks 12-12-0	E James (7)
13	2224	THE LORRYMAN 16P (D,F,S) N Mitchell 9-12-0	N R Mitchell (7)
14	6254	UPWARD SURGE 5 (F) R Ledger 7-12-0	Mrs N Ledger (7)
15	-11P	MAKING TIME 17 (F,G) M Laggan 10-11-9	Miss T Habgood (7)

3-1 Slievenamon Mist, 6-1 Kambalda Rambler, 5-1 Hickelton Lad, My Young Man 10-1 Not My Line, Counterbid, 12-1 Making Time, 14-1 others

7.50 EAST ANGLIAN DAILY TIMES AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,338: 2m 5f 110yd) (6)

1	BF-R	PERSIAN VIEW 6 (G,S) K Bailey 7-12-0	R Wakley (7)
2	/P	PRIME DISPLAY 10 (G,S) A Harvey 11-11-13	S Sporborg (7)
3	6021	SNOWSHILL SHAKER 10 (G) N Twiston-Davies 8-11-6	M Rimell (3)
4	2340	ABLE PLAYER 6 (F,G,S) K Bailey 10-11-3	K Drewry (7)
5	2F5P	KING S SHILLING 27 (F,G,S) H Oliver 10-11-0	N H Oliver (7)
6	0435	SCRIPT 38 (F,S) J Jenkins 5-10-0	C Bonner (3)

4-6 Snowshill Shaker, 5-1 Able Player, 6-1 Persian View, 10-1 King's Shilling, Script, 16-1 Prime Display

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: K Bailey, 26 winners from 72 runners, 36.1%, J Pearce, 7 from 32, 21.9%, J Gifford, 16 from 76, 21.1%. No other qualifiers.

JOCKEYS. No qualifiers

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER
2.15 Jib Jab. 2.45 Fame Again. 3.15 Captain Jones. 3.45 Change For A Buck. 4.15 Santa Rosa. 4.45 Princess Topaz. 5.20 Dancing Cavalier. 5.50 Ciro's Pearl.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

2.15 MEADOWS SELLING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £1,985: 6f 15yd) (18 runners)

101	-004	BLAZING CASTLE 8 (F) W G M Turner 9-4	D McGaffin (7) 14
102	-056	DOCKLANDS CARRIAGE 6 (V,D,F) N Tinkler 9-4	R Cochrane 2
103	-003	GUNNERS GLORY 8 (B,BF,F) B Meehan 9-4	J Reid 6
104	0341	ADVANCE REPRO 28 (B,D,F,G) J Akehurst 8-13	K Fallon 11
105	00-0	DON'T FORGET SHOKA 18 (D,S) J S Moore 8-13	W J O'Connor 3
106	6306	HEAVENLY MISS 19 (CD,F,G) J Bridger 8-13	G Duffield 1
107	05-1	MUNICIPAL GIRL 8 (CD,F) B Palling 8-13	T Sprake 8
108	0-20	SKYERS FLYER 8 (BF,F) R Thompson 8-13	N Connorton 16
109	600-	JIB JAB 238 Mrs N Macauley 8-12	D O'Donohoe (3) 18
110		LOCKSILL A Smith 8-12	M Birch 7
111	0-20	MAJOR TWIST 29 (BF) R Hannon 8-12	Dane O'Neill 4
112	-063	ROCKAROUNDTHECLOCK 8 (B) P Evans 8-12	J F Egan 10
113	00-	WITNEY-LA-ROCHE 194 J S Moore 8-12	K Axon (7) 5
114		MISS PEREGRINE R Guest 8-7	P Bloomfield 9
115		MYSTICAL (V) Mrs L Stubbs 8-7	A Culhane 12
116	505-	PATRITA PARK 143 W Haigh 8-7	S Whitworth 15
117	000-	STRAVANO 257 B Baugh 8-7	Darren Moffatt (3) 13
118	4522	TERRY'S ROSE 8 R Hollinshead 8-7	W Ryan 17

9-2 Terry's Rose, 6-1 Advance Repro, Gunners Glory, Heavenly Miss, 8-1 Blazing Castle, 10-1 Major Twist, Municipal Girl, 12-1 Jib Jab, 14-1 others.

2.45 BRADMORE FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,226: 6f 15yd) (18)

201	20-1	DIVINE MISS-P 11 (D,F) A Jarvis 4-9-13	W J O'Connor 2
202	00-0	AL REET 28 (D,G,S) S Bowring 6-9-9	F Boyle (7) 12
203	053-	SHARP 'N' SHADY 181 C Wall 4-9-0	G Duffield 17
204	5000	SING WITH THE BAND 12 (F,G) B McMahon 6-9-0	L Newton 6
205	010-	CORNICHE QUEST 176 (D,F,G,S) M Channon 4-8-12	R Hughes 14
206	5-00	FAME AGAIN 21 (BF,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-12	J Fortune 9
207	0-00	TIME FOR TEA 19 C Cyzer 4-8-11	D O'Shea 18
208	131-	ROBEC GIRL 169 (D,G) K McAuliffe 3-8-9	J F Egan 1
209	5060	LACHESIS 11 D Shaw 4-8-8	C Teague (3) 15
210	0-60	CINDY KATE 85 W Muir 4-8-8	Dane O'Neill 3
211	40-0	AYBEEGIRL 34 (F) Mrs J Cecil 3-8-7	J Reid 16
212	5-00	LEGEND OF ARAGON 10 (G) J Glover 3-8-7	M Birch 13
213	0-60	RUNS IN THE FAMILY 28 (B,D,S) G McCourt 5-8-4	D Harrison 5
214	100-	EMMAS BREEZE 271 (F) J King 3-8-2	J Quinn 8
215	5500	BALLARD LADY 10 (D,G,S) J Wainwright 5-8-1	J Bramhill (5) 11
216	2050	DELROB 17 (B,D,F,G) D Haydn Jones 6-8-0	C Rutter 4
217	00-0	APRIL JACKSON 40 P Dalton 3-7-10	P Fessey (5) 10
218	440-	ROTHERFIELD PARK 258 (G) C Smith 5-7-10	M Baird (3) 7

6-1 Sharp 'N' Shady, 8-1 Divine Miss-P, Fame Again, Aybeegirl, 10-1 Legend Of Aragon, Corniche Quest, 10-1 Robec Girl, Emmas Breeze, 12-1 others

3.15 PORCHESTER NOVICE MEDIAN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,277: 5f 13yd) (12)

301	01	YOUNG IBNR 13 (D,F) P Evans 9-4	J F Egan 8
302	12	PRINCE FOLEY 18 (D,BF,F) W G M Turner 9-2	D McGaffin (7) 2
303	1	BLUSHING VICTORIA 21 (CD,F) M Meade 9-1	D Sweeney (5) 4
304		CAPTAIN JONES B Meehan 8-12	R Hughes 11
305		KANTONE J Eustace 8-12	R Cochrane 9
306	30	O' HIGGINS 26 R Boss 8-12	K Fallon 6
307	0	RUSTY BABE 26 J J Quinn 8-12	J Quinn 7
308		SIGNATORY R Hannon 8-12	Dane O'Neill 5
309		SWEET REWARD J G Smyth-Osbourne 8-12	D Harrison 12
310	0	FEY ROUGE 29 R Hollinshead 8-7	F Lynch (3) 1
311		SANTA FAYE B Palling 8-7	T Sprake 3
312	0	SWIFT TIME 29 M R Bosley 8-7	C Rutter 10

4-1 Young Ibnr, 5-1 Prince Foley, Signatory, 6-1 Blushing Victoria, Captain Jones 8-1 O Higgins, 10-1 Rusty Babe, Swift Time, 12-1 others

3.45 RADFORD MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 3-Y-O fillies: £3,837: 1m 54yd) (13)

401	0	ANCHORED IN LOVE 11 R Charlton 8-11	T Sprake 9
402	4-	ARRIVING 360 J Hills 8-11	J Reid 8
403	3	CHANGE FOR A BUCK 13 H Cecil 8-11	K Fallon 3
404	0-	CHEEK TO CHEEK 248 C Cyzer 8-11	A Morris 11
405	0	DOYENNE 11 G Lewis 8-11	A Clark 13
406	2-3	ENLISTED 110 (BF) M Prescott 8-11	G Duffield 7
407	0-4	EPWORTH 21 J Glover 8-11	G Carter 2
408		JUDE P Cole 8-11	T Quinn 5
409	02-	KILSHANNY 183 L Cumani 8-11	O Urbina 10
410	400-	OAKBROOK ROSE 190 M Muggeridge 8-11	T G McLaughlin 6
411	0-	PERSIAN BLUE 231 R Hannon 8-11	Dane O'Neill 4
412	0-4	SHARKIYAH 13 R Armstrong 8-11	R Hills 1
413	0	TOP JEM 21 M Ryan 8-11	G Bardwell 12

2-1 Change For A Buck, 7-2 Kilshanny, 5-1 Enlisted, Jude 8-1 Sharkiyah, 12-1 Arriving, Epworth 16-1 Anchored In Love, Doyenne, Persian Blue, 20-1 others.

4.15 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,616: 1m 54yd) (18)

501	5-06	BAUBIGNY 29 M Channon 9-7	R Hughes 13
502	40-0	VIVA VERDI 18 J Dunlop 9-5	T Quinn 16
503	020-	NIGHT CHORUS 176 (BF) B Rothwell 9-4	M Fenton 10
504	600-	BRYNKIR 182 D Murray Smith 9-4	G Duffield 2
505	2102	PENNYWELL 29 (D,G) R Johnson Houghton 9-2	J Reid 8
506	400-	SAFFRON ROSE 207 M Blanshard 9-2	R Cochrane 11
507	443-	SANTA ROSA 188 J Dunlop 9-2	T Sprake 3
508	050-	COME TOGETHER 183 D Arbuthnot 9-1	S Whitworth 17
509	04-0	PUSH A VENTURE 22 S Woods 9-1	W Ryan 1
510	-302	HEVER GOLF DANCER 73 T Naughton 9-0	G Carter 14
511	4360	LUNAR MUSIC 8 (F) R Thompson 9-0	T Williams 6
512	0-00	MUNGO PARK 34 Mrs J Ramsden 9-0	J Fortune 4
513	460-	CALAMANDER 238 W Muir 8-13	Dane O'Neill 7
514	43-1	PRINCESS OF HEARTS 16 (B,CD,F) M Pipe 8-12	K Fallon 15
515	6330	MARDREW 3 (D,G) T Clement 8-12	A Daly (5) 18
516	3-14	CASTLES BURNING 20 (D,BF,G) C Cyzer 8-11	D Biggs 9
517	-053	INTERDREAM 18 (F) R Hannon 8-10	W O'Connor 5
518	0-43	BARRESBO 19 C Fairhurst 8-10	J Stack 12

9-2 Princess Of Hearts, 6-1 Pennywell, 7-1 Castles Burning, 8-1 Mungo Park, 10-1 Santa Rosa, Viva Verdi, 12-1 Barresbo, Interdream, Mardrew, 14-1 others.

4.45 COTMANHAY FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,703: 1m 1f 213yd) (16)

601	060-	CAPILANO PRINCESS 242 (F,S) D Haydn Jones 4-10-0	C Rutter 5
602	2251	RASAYEL 8 (CD,F,G) P Evans 7-9-4 (5ex)	J F Egan 1
603	26-3	PEPPERS 18 K Burke 4-8-13	K Fallon 16
604	500-	POLISH RHYTHM 188 G Hubbard 4-8-10	G Carter 7
605	05-4	AGONY AUNT 29 (BF) Mrs J Cecil 3-8-10	W Ryan 11
606	3851	TALLULAH BELLE 5 (D,F,G) N Littmoden 4-8-8 (5ex)	T G McLaughlin 2
607	0502	ABSOLUTELYSTUNNING 18 (CD,G) Mrs B Waring 4-8-7	T Quinn 9
608	/0-0	CREDITE RISQUE 8 J Glover 4-8-6	N Day 13
609	10-4	SCARLET CRESCENT 18 (G) P Walwyn 3-8-2	T Sprake 6
610	500-	MAZILLA 209 (CD,F,G) A Streeter 5-8-2	J Bramhill (5) 4
611	34-0	PRINCESS TOPAZ 12 C Cyzer 3-8-2	D Biggs 3
612	00-0	NELLIE NORTH 19 (V,G) G McCourt 4-8-1	G Bardwell 10
613	66-0	POLAR REFRAIN 11 J Norton 4-7-11	J Quinn 8
614	065-	STAR PRECISION 183 G Balding 3-7-10	N Varley 15
615	20-5	PRETTY SHARP 33 N Babbage 3-7-10	P Fessey (5) 12
616	000-	DAFFODIL EXPRESS 152 M Ryan 4-7-10	M Baird (3) 14

9-2 Rasayel, 6-1 Absolutelystunning, Agony Aunt, 7-1 Peppers, Tallulah Belle, 8-1 Princess Topaz, 10-1 Mazilla, 12-1 Capilano Princess, 14-1 others.

5.20 ATTENBOROUGH HANDICAP
(£3,252: 1m 6f 15yd) (18)

1	00-5	LALINDI 19 (F,G,S) A Stewart 6-10-0	S Whitworth 8
2	025-	BELMARITA 47J G Hubbard 4-9-12	G Carter 18
3	4154	DANCING CAVALIER 8 (CD,G) R Hollinshead 4-9-12	F Lynch (3) 14
4	0-04	BOWLED OVER 13 (G) C Cyzer 4-9-11	K Fallon 12
5	5-51	SEA FREEDOM 19 (V,S) G Balding 6-9-7	A Clark 15
6	0-52	CHARNWOOD JACK 7 I Campbell 4-9-4	R Price 16
7	1-00	ARCADY 8 (F,G) J L Harris 4-9-4	J Carroll 6
8	20-5	FORGIE 18 (D,F) P Calver 4-9-2	M Birch 10
9	0-53	CHABROL 18 (F) T Clement 4-9-2	A Daly (5) 9
10	254-	SHERIFF 245J (F,G) J Hills 6-9-0	R Hills 7
11	5/06	TONNERRE 11 (D,S) B McMahon 5-8-13	L Newton 5
12	00-4	NORTHERN DRUMS 38 N Babbage 4-8-11	T Sprake 1
13	0-03	HE'S GOT WINGS 19 (F) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-10	J Fortune 13
14	3050	HEIGHTH OF FAME 8 (G) J Hetherton 6-8-8	G Duffield 4
15	5013	KALAMATA 17 (BF,G) J Glover 5-8-8	N Day 11
16	021/	SUSHI BAR 671 (D,F) Mrs M Reveley 6-8-6	D Harrison 2
17	40-1	THE BUTTERWICK KID 8 (CD,F,G) R Fahey 4-8-6 (5ex)	R Winston (7) 17
18	00-6	NORSONG 18 (D,F) R Akehurst 5-8-5	J Quinn 3

5-1 Sea Freedom, 6-1 Dancing Cavalier, He's Got Wings, Northern Drums, 8-1 Belmarita, 10-1 Bowled Over, Chabrol, 12-1 Charnwood Jack, 14-1 others.

5.50 RADFORD MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: 3-Y-O fillies: £3,512: 1m 54yd) (13)

1	0063	AQUATIC QUEEN 8 R Weaver 8-11	M Wigham 10
2	00-	AR HYD Y KNOS 234 R Charlton 8-11	T Sprake 4
3	40-	CADBURY CASTLE 209 M Blanshard 8-11	J Quinn 5
4	4-	CHLOE NICOLE 284 (BF) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn 13
5	520-	CIRO'S PEARL 241 M Tompkins 8-11	D Biggs 9
6	5	EILEEN'S LADY 25 G Margarson 8-11	G Carter 11
7		MANAZIL R Armstrong 8-11	R Hills 2
8	0-6	MIDNIGHT ROMANCE 6 A Jarvis 8-11	W J O'Connor 1
9	0-	OXBANE 183 H Candy 8-11	C Rutter 12
10		PHOENIX PRINCESS B McMahon 8-11	S Righton (7) 3
11	033-	SELLETTE 209 D Haydn Jones 8-11	R Cochrane 6
12	5-0	SILVER JUBILEE 21 B Palling 8-11	Dane O'Neill 7
13		WOODBECK J Glover 8-11	N Day 8

9-4 Chloe Nicole, 3-1 Ciro's Pearl, 7-2 Manazil, 7-1 Sellette, 10-1 Aquatic Queen, 12-1 Ar Hyd Y Knos, Oxbane, 14-1 Woodbeck, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Babbage, 3 winners from 9 runners, 33.3%, M Prescott, 9 from 31, 29.0%, H Cecil, 16 from 61, 26.2%; Mrs J Cecil, 6 from 28, 21.4%, R Charlton, 7 from 33, 21.2%. J Dunlop, 18 from 104, 17.3%

JOCKEYS: D Sweeney, 3 winners from 10 rides, 30.0%, J Reid, 13 from 74, 17.6%, A Whelan, 3 from 18, 16.7%, T Quinn, 13 from 82, 15.9%, G Duffield, 13 from 98, 13.3%, T Sprake, 12 from 90, 13.3%.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Pontefract

Going: good

2.45 (5f) 1, Classy Cleo (Pat Eddery, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, Out Like Magic (4-1), 3, Mamma's Boy (5-2 jt-fav) 9 ran NR Bajan Girl. 1¾l, ¾l R Hannon Tote £3.20, £1.30, £1.40, £1.50 DF £6.00 Trio £6.60. CSF £11.96

3.15 (1m 4f 8yd) 1, Baby Jane (P Bloomfield, 5-2 fav), 2, Lindrick Lady (12-1); 3, Fortune Hopper (12-1) 14 ran 1¾l, 9l R Guest. Tote £3.20, £1.90, £4.80, £3.00 DF £27.70 Trio £361.70 CSF £31.46

3.45 (6f) 1, Night Flight (K Fallon, 33-1); 2, Be Warned (16-1), 3, Grey Kingdom (5-4 fav); 4, Bowlers Boy (25-1) 17 ran 3½l, 1l J J O'Neill Tote £34.40, £4.60, £3.40, £1.10, £5.20 DF £736.00 Trio £461.10. CSF £457.42 Tricast £1,117.00

4.15 (1m 4yd) 1 Gymcrak Flyer (K Fallon, 4-1) 2, Epic Stand (3-1 fav) 3, Gudge (8-1) 19 ran 1l, 1l G Holmes Tote £5.30, £2.00, £1.60, £4.00 DF £11.40 Trio £71.20 CSF £13.61

4.45 (2m 5f 122yd) 1 All On (R Ffrench, 10-1); 2, Aardwolf (5-1), 3, High Five (11-2). 4, Thornroun Estate (33-1) Upper Mount Clair 9-2 fav 16 ran 7l, 14l J Hetherton Tote £11.70, £2.50, £2.00, £1.70, £7.90 DF £59.60 Trio £307.80 CSF £49.33 Tricast £286.25

5.15 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, Road Racer (J Fortune, 9-1); 2, Shaffishayes (4-1 jt-fav), 3, Augustan (5-1) Danegold 4-1 jt-fav. 13 ran. Sh hd, 3l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £10.60; £3.60, £1.60, £2.50 DF: £30.70 Trio: £51.40. CSF: £40.38 Tricast: £192.04.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £15,882.37 carried forward to Nottingham today).

Placepot: £35.60.

Quadpot: £18.30.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.00 (1m 4f) 1, Carrolls Marc (Iona Wands, 33-1); 2, Al Liberty (7-4 fav), 3, Batabanoo (2-1) 10 ran. Sh hd, 4l. C Murray. Tote £18.80; £7.90, £1.30, £1.40. DF: £27.50 Trio: £22.50 CSF: £92.62.

2.30 (1m) 1, Keen Alert (G Faulkner, 12-1), 2, Rheinbold (7-1); 3, Mr Paradise (4-6 fav) 13 ran ¾l, 5l. M Bell Tote: £19.00; £4.20, £2.20, £1.10 DF: £88.50 Trio £24.30 CSF: £88.70

3.00 (1m 4f) 1, Champagne Warrior (L Charnock, 8-1), 2, Greenspan (13-8 fav), 3, Grand Cru (6-1). 10 ran. 2l, 6l M Camacho. Tote: £13.00; £2.40, £1.60, £1.40. DF: £16.70 Trio £13.40 CSF £20.63.

3.30 (1m) 1, Takhlid (Miss R Clark, 12-1); 2, Montone (12-1); 3, Benjamins Law (33-1); 4, Commin' Up (33-1) Cats Bottom 5-1 fav. 16 ran 2½l, 1l. D Chapman Tote £26.10; £3.10, £3.30, £8.00, £14.00 DF: £89.00. Trio: not won (pool of £343.27 carried forward to 2.45 at Nottingham today). CSF £141.26 Tricast £2,425.02.

4.00 (6f) 1, Forcing Bid (G Duffield, 4-1 fav); 2, Swan Island (10-1), 3, Swift (7-1). 14 ran 2½l, 4l Sir Mark Prescott Tote: £3.60; £2.00, £4.50, £2.20. DF £38.90. Trio: £79.10. CSF. £41.70. Tricast £261.38.

4.30 (5f) 1, My Bet (G Parkin, 9-2), 2, Branston Berry (11-10 fav); 3, Daynabee (10-1). 7 ran. NR: Frundin. Hd, 6l M W Easterby Tote £4.30; £2.90, £1.60 DF: £4.70 CSF £9.26.

5.00 (7f) 1, Sheraton Girl (Martin Dwyer, 33-1); 2, Poker Princess (10-1); 3, Dayrella (20-1), Muscatana 7-4 fav 14 ran 1¾l, 5l N Littmoden. Tote: £33.50, £4.50, £6.30, £9.70 DF: £580.30. Trio: not won (pool of £230.55 carried forward to 2.45 at Nottingham today) CSF: £338.50 Tricast £6,142.34

5.30 (1m) 1, Island Sanctuary (S Sanders, 11-10 fav); 2, Cartouche (7-2); 3, Going Green (10-1) 13 ran Nk, 19l. P Makin Tote: £1.80, £1.50, £1.80, £3.40 DF: £5.30. Trio: £20.80 CSF, £4.91

Placepot: £318.30.

Quadpot: £138.80.

ASCOT

THUNDERER
5.30 Lyphantastic
6.00 Time Won't Wait
6.30 Gaelic Blue
7.05 Ambidextrous
7.35 Uncle Algy
8.05 Physical Fun

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robeson) B Hall 12-0 . . B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell P — pulled up U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified) Horse's name Days since last outing. F if flat (B — blinkers. V — visor H — hood E — Eyeshield C — course winner. D — distance winner CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS

5.30 MITSUBISHI DIAMOND VISION HANDICAP HURDLE
BBC2
(£4,756: 3m) (7 runners)

1	541241/	LYPHANTASTIC 836 (G,G) (Jayflex-Lanz Partners) C Mann 8-11-10	J Railton	–
2	313204	OLYMPIAN 17 (B,CD,F,G) (J Neville) J Neville 10-11-9	M A Fitzgerald	94
3	33/05P1	MEDITATOR 11 (B,D,G,S) (Miss J Doyle) B De Haan 13-11-4	S Curran	95
4	542450	KARAR 49 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Sampson) R Rowe 7-11-1	D O'Sullivan	90
5	33P121	EL FREDDIE 29 (D,F,G) (M Lovell) J Old 7-10-8	G Upton	92
6	4052F1	CASSIO'S BOY 29 (G,S) (Lyncshall Racing) R Eckley 6-10-5	A P McCoy	[illegible]
7	3-50254	APACHEE FLOWER 41 (D,G) (J Tackley) R Howe 7-10-0	B Powell	80

Long handicap: Apachee Flower 9-6.

BETTING: 5-2 Olympian, 7-2 El Freddie, 5-1 Lyphantastic, Cassio's Boy, Meditator, 10-1 others.

1996: NEWTON POINT 7-10-0 R Johnson (11-4) D Nicholson 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

LYPHANTASTIC beat Jack Button 6l in 14-runner novice hurdle here (2m 4f, good) Jan 1995. OLYMPIAN about 4l 4th of 5 to Trainglot in grade II Long Distance Hurdle over course and distance (good to firm). MEDITATOR beat Nirvana Prince ¾l in 13-runner handicap hurdle at Ayr (3m 2f 110yd, good). EL FREDDIE beat Beechfield Flyer neck in 12-runner novice handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (3m 110yd, good to firm). CASSIO'S BOY beat Reaganesque 1¾l in 12-runner handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 4f 110yd, good). APACHEE FLOWER 13½l 4th of 10 to Snow Board in handicap hurdle at Exeter (3m 2f, good to firm)
Selection: MEDITATOR

6.00 MICHAEL PAGE GROUP HANDICAP CHASE
BBC2
(£10,231: 2m) (8 runners)

1	113164	STORM ALERT 17 (CD,F,G,S) D Nicholson 11-12-0	Mr R Thornton (3)	95
2	26P342	BIG MATT 7 (CD,F,G,S) (T Benfield) N Henderson 9-11-7	M A Fitzgerald	97
3	24-434U	TIME WON'T WAIT 24 (D,F,G) (Old Berks Ptnrs) R Phillips 8-10-10	J Railton	96
4	234431	BERTONE 17 (C,D,F,G) (Mrs H Dufey) K Bailey 8-10-10	C O'Dwyer	94
5	113U42	MISTER ODDY 10 (D,G,S) (Mrs R Hill) J King 11-10-4	T J Murphy	98
6	224311	THUMBS UP 41 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs B Taylor) G McCourt 11-10-4	R Dunwoody	94
7	502125	CUMBRIAN CHALLENGE 11 (CD,F,G,S) (Cumbrian Ind) T Easterby 8-10-2	L Wyer	[illegible]
8	1213-U0	SOCIETY GUEST 90 (D,F,G,S) (Roberson Webster) A Turnell 11-10-0	L Harvey	90

Long handicap: Society Guest 9-11

BETTING: 2-1 Bertone, 7-2 Big Matt, 5-1 Storm Alert, Thumbs Up, 6-1 Time Won't Wait, 8-1 others.

1996: COULTON 9-12-0 J A McCarthy (7-2) O Sherwood 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BIG MATT 8l 2nd of 7 to Klairon Davis in grade I B M W Handicap Chase at Punchestown (2m, good). TIME WON'T WAIT 5½l 4th of 16 to Uncle Ernie in handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good) on penultimate start. BERTONE beat Super Tactics 1½l in 5-runner handicap chase here (2m 3f 110yd, good to firm) with STORM ALERT (6lb better off) dist 4th. MISTER ODDY 8l 2nd of 9 to Moneyman in handicap chase at Ayr (2m, good). THUMBS UP beat Polden Pride 1¼l in 4-runner handicap chase at Exeter (2m 2f, good to firm). CUMBRIAN CHALLENGE 5l 2nd of 7 to Frickley in handicap chase at Bangor (2m 4f 110yd, good)
Selection: STORM ALERT (nap)

6.30 JOHN MOWLEM NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
BBC2
(£7,230: 3m 110yd) (10 runners)

1	63F413	MR PICKPOCKET 45 (D,G,S) (J Holmes) Mrs H Knight 9-11-10	J F Titley	96
2	230012	WEE WINDY 13 (D,F,G,S) (W Gale) J Gifford 8-11-8	P Hide	91
3	2P-U221	JULTARA 34 (CD,G,S) (R Barby) I Williams 8-11-5	A P McCoy	91
4	03U112	DOMAINE DE PRON 10 (D,F,G) (Mrs L Taylor) Mrs L Taylor 6-11-1	R Bellamy	89
5	315421	GLENFINN PRINCESS 7 (F,S) (P McGinty) P Bowen 9-11-0 (4ex)	W Marston	94
6	UF11F1	GAELIC BLUE 12 (G) (T Hemmings) Mrs S Smith 7-10-6	R Guest	94
7	262343	KEY TO MOYADE 14 (Mrs L Harper) M Wilkinson 7-10-1	N Williamson	[illegible]
8	0061	GRIZZLY BEAR 29 (F) (G Barlow) R Stronge 7-10-0	J Culloty	91
9	P-U2121	THE WHOLE HOG 17 (F) (Mrs S Nelson) K Bailey 8-10-0	DOUBTFUL	90
10	003P35	BALLYDOUGAN 11 (V) (Mrs R Mathew) R Mathew 9-10-0	T J Murphy	80

Long handicap: The Whole Hog 9-4, Ballydougan 9-2.

BETTING: 4-1 Wee Windy, 9-2 Jultara, 5-1 Gaelic Blue, 6-1 Mr Pickpocket, Grizzly Bear, 7-1 Glenfinn Princess, 8-1 others

1996: WREKENGALE 6-10-4 W Marston (9-4) Mrs J Pitman 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

MR PICKPOCKET beat Duhallow Lodge 4l in 12-runner handicap chase at Taunton (3m, good) on penultimate start. JULTARA beat Who Is Equiname ¾l in 8-runner novice chase over course and distance (good). DOMAINE DE PRON neck 2nd of 9 to Big Archie in novice chase at Stratford (3m, good). GAELIC BLUE beat Nicholas Plant head in 13-runner novice handicap chase at Ayr (2m 5f 110yd, good). GRIZZLY BEAR beat Loch Garman Hotel 2l in 7-runner novice chase at Uttoxeter (3m 2f, good to firm)
Selection: JULTARA

7.05 ERNEST IRELAND NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,420: 2m 110yd) (10 runners)

1	106P11	CHIEF MOUSE 14 (D,F,G) (B Gavan) F Jordan 4-11-10	A P McCoy	96
2	568215	ABOVE THE CUT 27 (D,BF,F) (J Cook) C Morlock 5-11-6	C Llewellyn	95
3	313221	PROUD IMAGE 29 (D,F) (Town and Country Tyres) G McCourt 5-11-4	R Dunwoody	94
4	P-21135	AMBIDEXTROUS 24F (D,BF,S) (Mrs C McPhail) E Alston 5-11-2	L Cummins (7)	90
5	435005	HEVER GOLF DIAMOND 20 (D,F) (H Jarvis) J Best 4-11-0	M A Fitzgerald	95
6	F0635	MAETERLINCK 17 (G Thorner) G Thorner 5-10-13	Clare Thorner (7)	93
7	232354	WANSTEAD 29 (B) (T Dunsley) J Jenkins 5-10-8	N Williamson	[illegible]
8	0F44	COLOUR COUNSELLOR 18F (Mrs G Temmerman) R Flower 4-10-5	R Supple	90
9	006P-30	FLOW BACK 89 (D Leon) G Enright 5-10-0	J R Kavanagh	80
10	434022	BATH KNIGHT 17 (Heart Of The South) R Curtis 4-10-0	D Morris	94

Long handicap: Bath Knight 9-11

BETTING: 5-2 Chief Mouse, 5-1 Ambidextrous, 6-1 Above The Cut, Maeterlinck, 7-1 Proud Image, 8-1 Wanstead, 10-1 Colour Counsellor, 14-1 others

1996: FAUSTINO 4-11-5 A P McCoy (11-2) P Hobbs 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHIEF MOUSE beat Sterling Fellow 1¼l in novice handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good to firm). ABOVE THE CUT beat Motzenberg 1¾l in handicap hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good to firm) PROUD IMAGE beat Ath Cheannaithe 5l in 5-runner conditional jockeys claiming hurdle at Wincanton (2m, firm). AMBIDEXTROUS best effort beat Storm Tiger 3l in novice handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good to soft). BATH KNIGHT ½l 2nd of 6 to Saltcracker in novice handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, firm).
Selection: CHIEF MOUSE

7.35 MICHAEL PAGE NOVICES CHASE (£4,395: 2m 3f 110yd) (9 runners)

1	PF55P3	BELLS WOOD 19 (S) (A K Dunn) A Dunn 8-11-5	S McNeill	81
2	0U5-024	BIT OF A DREAM 276 (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 7-11-5	R Guest	79
3	0P-40P3	GOLDEN DRUM 7 (S) (H Parker) T George 7-11-5	DOUBTFUL	83
4	56-PF4P	HIGHLAND FLAME 15 (G) (A Blackmore) A Blackmore 8-11-5	P Henley (3)	80
5	U2P233	MOZEMO 4 (B,G) (Coden Trust) M Pipe 10-11-5	A P McCoy	98
6	0P/PU54	ONEOFUS 45 (F) (R Leiby) Mrs L Richards 8-11-5	M Richards	–
7	40333P	SEA PATROL 23P (B,F) (S Griffiths) S Griffiths 10-11-5	M A Fitzgerald	88
8	03-P2PP	UNCLE ALGY 80 (D Makins) Miss H Knight 8-11-5	J Culloty	[illegible]
9	U/0/P-U3	FORTRIA ROSIE DAWN 15 (M Fenn) Miss V Williams 7-11-0	N Williamson	96

BETTING: 5-2 Uncle Algy, 7-2 Mozemo, 5-1 Fortria Rosie Dawn, 6-1 Bit Of A Dream, 8-1 Bells Wood, Oneofus, 12-1 others

1996: JOURNEYS FRIEND 8-11-5 J R Kavanagh (2-1) N Henderson 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

BIT OF A DREAM 14l 2nd of 9 to Willie Makeit in novice handicap chase at Worcester (2m, good to firm). MOZEMO 37l 3rd of 7 to Jhal Frezi in novice handicap chase at Chepstow (2m 3f 110yd, firm) on penultimate start. UNCLE ALGY best recent effort 7l 2nd of 10 to Smigsby in novice chase at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm)
Selection: MOZEMO

8.05 MERIDIAN TONIGHT NOVICES HURDLE (£3,501: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

1	021040	SAMANID 12 (F,G) (Magnum Construction) Miss L Siddall 5-11-5	D Pears	98
2	344111	COUNTRY LOVER 7 (V,D,F) (Pond House Gold) M Pipe 6-11-0	A P McCoy	95
3	00-	EDEN ROC 377 (S Ross) G L Moore 7-11-0	D Gallagher	–
4	055-052	HARLEQUIN CHORUS 54 (BF) (Harlequin Software) J Old 7-11-0	N Williamson	89
5	00-435	LEAP FROG 27 (R Cooper) N Gaselee 6-11-0	W Marston	84
6	2	OVER THE WAY 17 (Mrs E Banes) N Henderson 7-11-0	M A Fitzgerald	92
7	3	PAT BUCKLEY 10 (Mrs K Urquhart) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-0	C Llewellyn	72
8	0-06023	PHYSICAL FUN 75 (A Blackmore) A Blackmore 6-11-0	R Dunwoody	[illegible]
9	0	THE PHANTOM FARMER 74 (Mrs I Wills) N Henderson 6-11-0	J R Kavanagh	–

BETTING: 5-2 Country Lover, 4-1 Harlequin Chorus, 5-1 Leap Frog, Pat Buckley, 6-1 Over The Way, 7-1 Physical Fun, 8-1 Samanid, 16-1 others.

1996: BLAZE AWAY 5-11-0 G Bradley (11-2) I Balding 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

COUNTRY LOVER beat Name Of Our Father ¾l in novice hurdle at Chepstow (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm). LEAP FROG 3l and neck 3rd of 8 to Sharpical in novice hurdle at Folkestone (2m 1f 110yd, good) on penultimate start. OVER THE WAY 20l 2nd of 7 to Daraydan in novice hurdle over course and distance (good to firm). PAT BUCKLEY 9½l 3rd to Supreme Flyer in novice hurdle at Stratford (2m 6f 110yd, good). PHYSICAL FUN 9l 3rd of 11 to Lough Tully in novice handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 6f, good to soft)
Selection: COUNTRY LOVER

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Miss L Siddall	3	8	37.5	J Culloty	4	11	36.4
A Turnell	4	13	30.8	A P McCoy	18	72	25.0
Miss H Knight	6	22	27.3	R Dunwoody	22	126	17.5
D Nicholson	18	70	25.7	C Llewellyn	12	69	17.4

POINT-TO-POINT DETAILS

GROVE & RUFFORD (Southwell point-to-point course) Open Mdn I: 1, Adventurus (A Dalton, 2-1). 15 ran. Rest. 1, Midnight Service (W Tellwright, 16-1). 9 ran. Intermediate: 1, Hurricane Linda (S Walker, 7-2) 9 ran Men's Open. 1, Perhaps (A Dalton, 6-1) 8 ran Ladies: 1, Corner Boy (Mrs J Dawson, 1-3 fav) 5 ran. Hunt: 1, Kuri's Rose (P Gee, 4-5 fav) 4 ran Open Mdn II: 1, Bucks View (G Hanmer, 9-4 jt-fav). 13 ran

MID DEVON (Black Forest Lodge): Hunt: 1, Pharaoh Blue (M Shears, 1-2 fav). 2 ran. Confined 1, Bert House (S Kidston, 9-4) 4 ran Men's Open: 1, Magnolia Man (N Harris, 4-5 fav). 4 ran Ladies 1, Rapid Rascal (Miss S West, 5-4 fav). 5 ran. Intermediate: 1, Link Copper (Miss L Blackford, 5-2) 5 ran Rest. 1, Nearly At Sea (J Widdicombe, 1-3 fav) 7 ran Open Mdn: 1, Newstarsky (Miss J Cumings, 4-1). 12 ran

BEAVINGTON (Little Windsor): Hunt 1, Faraday (N Mitchell, 1-6 fav), finished alone. 3 ran Open Mdn (5-7yo) 1, Gwus A Hand (T Mitchell, 11-4) 10 ran. Men's Open. 1, Earl Boon (T Mitchell, 4-7 fav). 3 ran. Ladies 1, Front Cover (Miss S Vickery, 1-8 fav). 2 ran Intermediate 1, Avril Showers (R Atkinson, 4-7 fav) 2 ran Poora (Nov riders); 1, Mighty Falcon (Miss E Tory, 5-2). 8 ran Rest: 1, Four Leaf Clover (J Jukes, 4-5 fav) 9 ran

WEST NORFOLK (Fakenham): Hunt 1, Rough Edge (W Wales, 4-5 fav) 7 ran Confined: 1, Divine Chance (A Sansome, 33-1) 10 ran Rest 1, Reverend Brown (A Sansome, 7-4 fav) 11 ran. Men's Open 1, Druid's Lodge (C Ward-Thomas, 3-1) 7 ran. Ladies: 1, St Gregory (Mrs L Gibbon, 4-7 fav) 6 ran. Open Mdn (5-7yo) I 1, Holding The Aces (T Lane, 7-2) 8 ran. Open Mdn (5-7yo) II: 1, Regency Cottage (W Wales, 5-2). 8 ran Open Mdn (8yo+) 1, Beech Brook (T Lane, 12-1) 9 ran.

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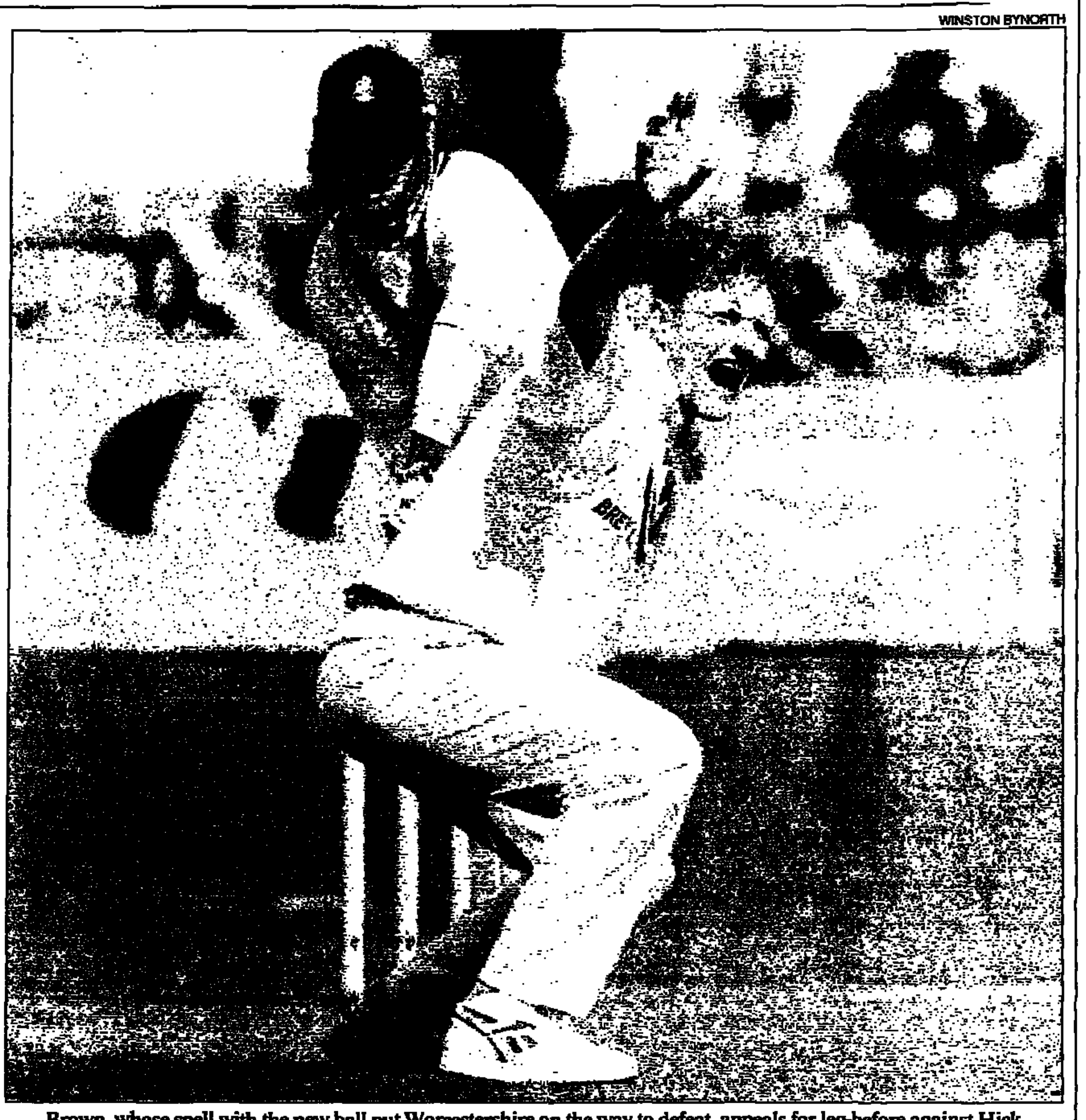

Brown, whose spell with the new ball put Worcestershire on the way to defeat, appeals for leg-before against Hick

By John Thicknesse

WORCESTER (Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire (2pts) beat Worcestershire by six wickets

TURNING up was about all Warwickshire needed to do to win their opening group A Benson and Hedges Cup match at New Road. Worcestershire, batting pitifully, were dispatched for 96 in 37 overs and, by 5pm, had been buried by their fellow Midlanders.

It was a good toss for Andy Moles to win, but not so good that Dougie Brown, 27, normally fourth seamer, should take five for 31 — two wickets better than his previous competition best — after taking the new ball and bowling his ten overs in one spell.

That Stuart Lampitt top-scored from No 9 and the last-wicket stand was worth more than double the next highest says all there is to say about the Worcestershire batting. Accurately as Brown bowled, the home side would expect to score 180 to 200 if they could have another go at it.

Batting with little distinction in reply, Warwickshire were 36 for four by the fourteenth over, Lampitt and Newport sharing the wickets. But Worcestershire had too few runs to play with and, as soon as Ostler and Penney applied themselves, Warwickshire cruised home. They had 19.4 overs in hand when Ostler made the winning hit.

Brown's figures were all the more unexpected for his opening offering being confidently pulled for six by Rhodes, who had so much time for the stroke that he seemed to be waiting on the back foot for several seconds. Within a couple of overs, however, the innings began to fall to pieces, Ostler taking a sharp low catch in the gully from a sliced square drive by Weston.

Not only did Worcestershire fail to recover, but an hour and a quarter passed before a batsman even penetrated double figures, Solanki becoming the first to do so when he pulled Welch for two with his team in irreversible decline at 39 for six.

There was movement both through the air and off the pitch for the four Warwickshire seamers, in Brown's case mainly in from the off side off the ground: Worcestershire, naturally, would also have fielded had Moody won the toss. Even making allowances for the help the bowlers got, however, it was a woeful piece of batting, not least in stroke selection.

When Rhodes, square-cutting, was bowled off the inside edge in Brown's third over, the warning lights should have been flashing in the Worcestershire dressing-room. But it seemed that Moody could not have been watching. Twenty minutes later, in Brown's fifth over, Moody was out in much the same way, bowled via the inside edge by what, to a man of 6ft 6in, was a good length ball while attempting a back-foot force through extra cover.

Brown's next victim, Spiring, leg-before for nought at 28 for four, was a rarity — a batsman genuinely beaten by pace and movement off a full attacking length. But the next two were no more nor less than giveaways and Hick, on whom his side was so dependent, was one of them.

Rhythmically as Donald bowled in a six-over spell with the new ball, during which there were four maidens, Hick was seeing the ball early enough to leave five balls alone in one over. Yet directly Welch replaced Donald, for the thirteenth over, Hick incomprehensibly tried to hit his second ball over the top for four, only to drag it to mid-on. It was not a stroke calculated to recommend him to David Lloyd, the watching England coach.

Nevertheless, in the next over Leatherdale capped it. With Worcestershire in the soup at 33 for five, he aimed to square-cut a ball from Brown that, had he left it, John Hampshire would have called a wide. Instead, he edged it to the wicketkeeper.

Solanki and Haynes added 19 for the seventh wicket, but it was only when Newport joined Lampitt for the tenth that conditions and bowling were put into perspective. Despite Donald bowling four of the 12 overs that it took them to add 40, Warwickshire had to call up Giles, the slow left-hander, to break the stand, Lampitt slicing him to backward point.

☐ India have sought the help of two leading experts from New Zealand to improve their lifeless pitches. Keith McAuliffe, director of the New Zealand sports turf institute, and Russel Smith, head groundsman at Fitzherbert Park, in Palmerston North, are visiting cricketing centres in India to conduct soil tests, study the methods adopted to prepare pitches and suggest measures that might be used to improve them.

Derbyshire rely on Adams to salvage their pride

By Michael Austin

LAKENHAM (Derbyshire won toss): Derbyshire, with eight wickets in hand, require 91 from 18 overs to beat Minor Counties

IF DERBYSHIRE head down the long and winding Benson and Hedges Cup road to Lord's, they will remember this salutory warning. They bowled badly, looked to a batting line-up lacking substance and thanked their lucky stars for Chris Adams, the man England have ignored.

Adams thrashed 95 not out, with ten fours and three sixes from 83 balls, and resumes today in flourishing partnership with Dean Jones. During a bizarre attempt to beat the weather and win the match before the third and terminal rain stoppage, Devon Malcolm batted at No 3 with a brief but violent flourish. Much of the day had belonged to the Minor Counties.

The butcher, baker and candlestick-maker buckled down to this annual challenge, delving somewhat starry-eyed into the world of other professionals. This time, it was the Newark florist, Mark Fell, and the factory superviser, Richard Dalton, of Bedfordshire, who took up the cudgels.

From the depths of nine for two, the Minor Counties, with only six previous competition wins in various guises from 129 games, reached the peaks of 256 for seven — only 16 runs short of their highest total when the competition was five overs longer.

These delights also put Derbyshire's support bowling into perspective. It was abject. Once Phillip DeFreitas and Malcolm disappeared from the attack, Andrew Harris and the left-armers, Kevin Dean and Glenn Roberts, were dispatched with ease.

Fell, 36, in his Lincolnshire testimonial year, made 67 from 69 balls with a six and seven fours against the county he represented 12 years ago after his release by Nottinghamshire.

Dalton, a past captain of the England Indoor XI and a tourist to South Africa with their squad last winter, also enjoyed himself hugely, hitting four sixes and eight fours in a 59-ball innings of 76.

Their batting, together with 43 not out from Stewart Laudat, also illustrated that the pitch was not what it appeared, despite the venerable Wayne Larkins making a 12-ball duck on his Minor Counties debut. Slow and with a green top, it offered precious little movement and Derbyshire's outfielding was variable.

Scotland reeling as Maddy signals humiliation

By Richard Hobson

LEICESTER (Scotland won toss): Leicestershire beat Scotland by 178 runs

A SCOTTISH bowler took five wickets in the Benson and Hedges Cup yesterday, but, unfortunately for Scotland, Dougie Brown was playing for Warwickshire rather than the country of his birth. Officials remain optimistic that Brown will make himself available for the World Cup in 1999, but, on this evidence, the Scotland attack will need further reinforcements to avoid acute embarrassment when they face Australia and the West Indies.

Eight of the squad that secured third place in the ICC Trophy had exhausted their holiday entitlement in Malaysia and were pursuing their various full-time occupations yesterday. Those who appeared at Grace Road might have wondered what pleasure they truly derived from taking such an emphatic beating on a dreary afternoon.

Leicestershire's total of 371 for six was the second-highest in the competition and the best since it moved to a 50-over format last season. The tempo became increasingly rapid and Darren Maddy was only denied the century his wristy strokeplay merited when he was caught at long leg attempting to reach that landmark in the grand manner.

Scotland were effectively attempting to conduct a damage limitation exercise even during the later stages of an opening stand of 159 in 25 overs between Maddy and Ian Sutcliffe. Aftab Habib recorded a half-century from 34 balls thereafter, John Dakin struck 28 from just 14 and Graham Hurlbatt suffered the ignominy of having to open a gate and run into Milligan Road to retrieve the longest hit of the day from Gregor McMillan, whose parents were born in Scotland. Hurlbatt might have tried to lock himself out.

Scotland, too, began comfortably, but lost wickets regularly once Bruce Patterson had his leg stump removed by Dakin at the end of a first-wicket stand of 76 with Iain Philip.

Leicestershire expect to be strengthened tomorrow by the arrival of Neil Johnson in time to play against Nottinghamshire in their next group B fixture. They finally completed the signing of the 27-year-old South African all-rounder after protracted negotiations yesterday. Johnson, a left-handed batsman and medium-pace bowler, was originally contracted to play for Netherfield and Leicester have paid £7,500 in compensation to the Northern League side.

Boon provides bedrock for renewed ambition

Simon Wilde, who is following Durham's Benson and Hedges campaign *this week, sees them get off to a promising start against Nottinghamshire*

Victory is not a word that often appears in the vocabulary of Durham cricketers, but they may be uttering the word today after their Benson and Hegdes Cup group B match was carried over when the fourth rain interruption ended yesterday's play at 5pm.

Nottinghamshire will resume this morning on 94 for three, 26 overs into their reply to Durham's workmanlike 230 for five — a total that may just prove sufficient on a typically slow Trent Bridge pitch. With Robinson, Dowman and Johnson out, Nottinghamshire will have to play well to reach their target.

In view of the fact that they have won only once against county opposition since the start of the 1996 season, Durham hardly go into matches oveburdened with self-belief, but already there are signs that David Boon, their new captain, has already started the process of strengthening spines.

With Nottinghamshire's assortment of seamers moving the ball around, the first-wicket partnership of 82 between Lewis and Collingwood gave Durham just the steady start they needed.

They both fell within the space of four overs, Collingwood bowled by the tidy Bates one short of a deserved half-century and Lewis caught leg-before by Archer for 38. Boon came in to act as the rock on which the rest of the innings was built, the more important as Morris was missing, nursing the injured thumb that he suffered in the opening championship match at Old Trafford last week.

He lifted Tolley for one effortless six over mid-wicket, but generally contented himself with working the ball around. His unbeaten 64 — his third in four innings for his new county — occupied 73 balls but more importantly he saw to it that he stayed until the end of the 50 overs, enabling the likes of Roseberry, Speak and Speight to play their most natural game.

Roseberry, who spent the winter trying to discover form that had become as elusive as the Holy Grail, showed one or two classy touches, only for it to go to his head.

He danced down the pitch once too often to Bates and was comfortably stumped by Noon. Noon later brought Speak's highest innings for his new club to an end with a fine running catch from a top-edged pull.

Nottinghamshire could have done with Robinson dropping anchor in the style of Boon, but he was strangely unfaithful to his character, carving ambitiously at a ball outside off stump from the lively Betts and giving Speight the easier of his two catches.

Dowman looked good until he got out, but a more significant loss was that of Johnson, who tried to work the ball extravagantly to leg and was bowled by Boiling. Much today may depend on Archer, who played elegantly through the on side in moving serenely to 34.

This is a match devoid of overseas players. Nottinghamshire are hoping that the back injury that Mohammad Akram, their signing, sustained in the Test he is playing in Colombo will not prevent him joining them later this week, even if it keeps him out of a one-day tournament in India next month.

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Sri Lanka open way for victory

By Our Sports Staff

THE Sri Lanka opening bowlers and batsmen combined to put their side in a strong position on the third day of the second Test against Sri Lanka in Colombo yesterday.

At the close, Sanath Jayasuriya and Russell Arnold had consolidated some good work from Chaminda Vaas and Sajeewa de Silva, the seam bowlers, by sharing an unfinished partnership of 102, giving Sri Lanka an overall lead of 141. The first Test in the two-match series was drawn. Jayasuriya was undefeated on 61, scored off 123 balls with six fours, and Arnold, playing in only his second Test, was 29 not out.

The Pakistan attack was depleted by the absence of Mohammad Zahid and Shahid Nazir, the fast bowlers, who were both suffering from back injuries. Pakistan also lost the services of Moin Khan, the wicket-keeper, who did not take the field in the Sri Lanka second innings because of a painful right heel.

Sri Lanka capitalised on these injuries to take a first-innings lead of 39, with Vaas and Sajeeva de Silva taking nine wickets between them to dismiss Pakistan for 292 at tea.

Sri Lanka took the last four Pakistan wickets for 16 runs, three of them being claimed by Sajeeva de Silva, who finished with figures of five for 85 in his second Test.

Moin was dismissed two runs short of his fourth Test century after an exhilarating innings which lasted only 109 balls and included three sixes and nine fours.

Experience pulls Sussex through

By Ivo Tennant

HOVE (Hampshire won toss): Sussex (2pts) beat Hampshire by 49 runs

DOWN the years, the Benson and Hedges Cup is not a competition in which Sussex have excelled. They have never reached the semi-finals and, in their last three encounters with Hampshire, have not won once. Hence this victory, achieved after a heavy defeat the previous day and batting initially yesterday without much initiative, was to be relished.

A partnership between two of their more itinerant cricketers effectively won the match. Sussex were 117 for five and then 144 for six, having been put in to bat, when Bill Athey was joined by Paul Jarvis. Together, they added 87 in ten overs through the kind of judicious strokes that come with years of experience. Hampshire, in spite of two useful innings by Stephenson and Hayden, simply did not possess sufficient depth of batting. Theirs is likely to be a long season.

So, after being beaten by Northamptonshire the previous day, this was just the fillip Sussex needed. That applied, not least, to Robin Marlar, their new chairman, who was nursing a badly swollen arm yesterday. He announced that Tony Pigott is now to be chief executive on a permanent basis. The former fast bowler is also on an MCC committee and, consequently, has retired from playing in any competitions, including The Cricketer Cup.

Stephenson: fine innings

Both chairman and chief executive were keen to glean what they could from their Hampshire counterparts about ground development. Sussex have not excluded the idea of moving from Hove and wanted to find out about the forthcoming venue near Southampton airport that will be Hampshire's new home.

On the field, the mix of old sweats and not-so-young individuals that comprise this Sussex side showed they could yet fare better than expected this season. In Neil Taylor, they have acquired a batsman who, judged solely on cricketing merit, would not have left Kent. He and the two Yorkshiremen, Athey and Jarvis, are the oldest members of the team. There is still a place in the game for them and they all contributed yesterday.

So, too, did Amer Khan, the leg spinner who has come from Middlesex (and who is no relation of that fellow Lahorite who once played here). He deceived Kendall with a top spinner, bowled Aymes and had James leg-before as he was starting to give Stephenson the support that was needed when Hampshire's innings was faltering.

The captain was last out, having managed only three fours in his innings of 65. Hayden was likewise restricted, his 44 runs including just two fours. There was a little movement for the faster bowlers throughout the day, but not sufficient for such containment. The gold award went — for the first time in his long career — to Jarvis, who cut one back to remove Smith early in Hampshire's innings and took two other wickets to go with his unbeaten 42.

Irani puts case for another chance

By Pat Gibson

CHELMSFORD (Essex won toss): Essex (2pts) beat Glamorgan by five wickets

RONNIE IRANI'S deflating experience on tour with England during the winter has not dampened his enthusiasm. He was not asked to play much in Zimbabwe and New Zealand and, when he was, his ability was called into question. Nevertheless, he is already demanding another chance in the forthcoming one-day internationals against Australia.

He started the season with 49 and 123 not out in the county championship against Hampshire, scored another 48 in the Sunday league and yesterday saw Essex over their first, tricky Benson and Hedges Cup hurdle with an innings that could not have been more responsible and authoritative.

Nobody was more grateful than Nasser Hussain, the Essex and England vice-captain, who had ricked his neck so badly in the field that he was left sitting in the dressing-room taking pain killers and hoping that he would not have to bat.

It looked as though he was going to have to go to the wicket when Essex, chasing a modest 211, began to make as big a hash of their innings as Glamorgan had done, but then Irani took control in partnership first with Danny Law and then Robert Rollins.

Irani, whose concentration had already been disturbed by a 40-minute stoppage for rain, was so confident that he even turned down the umpire's offer to go off for bad light when Watkin began his final spell. Law, who had helped put on 62 in 12 overs, fell to Watkin's third ball, but Irani lost no time in justifying his decision, seeing off the dangerous Watkin and then virtually settling the match by pulling Thomas for six and driving him for four.

He went on to finish unbeaten on 82, including two sixes and eight fours, off 97 balls, and, with Rollins joining him in an unbroken partnership of 54 in ten overs, Essex won with nearly seven overs to spare.

It was comfortable in the end, but they had made hard work of it after Glamorgan had as good as surrendered the match by losing their last eight wickets for 69. They were going well when Morris and Maynard were putting on 73 in 15 overs, but Morris, looking for a second six off Such, was caught at deep square leg and Maynard got out in the next over. When the captain does something like that, it is difficult to blame anyone else.

Russell will not budge over book

By Alan Lee
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

CRICKET is set for another messy and protracted disciplinary case, once more involving a book and with Raymond Illingworth as a central character. This time, however, the author is Jack Russell, discarding his image as the uncomplaining martyr to deliver what he views as a few home truths about Illingworth's man-management style.

Russell confirmed yesterday that his book, *Unleashed*, which is already being serialised in a tabloid newspaper, will be published unaltered in three weeks' time, despite his failure to obtain the sanction of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) over the more sensitive passages. The ECB could suspend Russell, who threatens to retaliate in the courts.

Illingworth is portrayed in an unflattering light and, predictably, the retired chairman of selectors is none too pleased about it. Russell refers specifically to the winter tours to South Africa and the World Cup in 1995-96, when Illingworth was team manager.

Russell maintains that he has not broken his contracts, either with Gloucestershire or as an England tourist, but he is aware that he could be charged with bringing the game into disrepute. Tim Lamb, chief executive of the ECB, said yesterday: "The board will look at today's [newspaper] article and any subsequent ones and, if there are any concerns then, the matter will be referred to the disciplinary committee."

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CRICKET

Ealham's big finish sees Kent past resurgent Surrey

By Jack Bailey

THE OVAL: Kent (2pts) beat Surrey by four wickets

SURREY bowled themselves back from the brink of certain defeat to come within sight of victory with one ball remaining. After looking all over losers when Kent needed 26 runs from six overs with six wickets in hand, Surrey so pegged them back in gloomy conditions that, when the last ball was bowled to Ealham, Kent still needed a single with a corden of fielders grouped round to prevent it. Ealham solved the problem by hoisting Ben Hollioake for six over deep mid-wicket to give Kent a deserved victory.

World Cup lessons have been learnt by English cricket, up to a point. The idea of scoring as many runs as possible in the first 15 overs, before the field disperses outside the circle, seems to have caught on in a big way. The problems occur when the field disperses and the batsmen are caught betwixt and between. Yesterday, Surrey and Kent employed similarly aggressive tactics early on.

Yet, whereas Surrey suffered a mid-innings crisis after reaching 108 for one in their thirteenth over, Kent — with the benefit of knowing what they had to achieve — kept their shape better, so to speak. From 104 for one in 15 overs, they knew that they only had to bat steadily to achieve their target of 258. There were alarms and excursions in the closing stages, with Kent still needing seven to win from the last over.

At the heart of their effort, Wells and Cowdrey built on the adventurous yet firm foundations laid by Walker and Ward, overcoming the brief hiatus caused by the loss of Walker, whose 50 came from 62 balls with eight spanking fours, and Ward, who fell in the next over.

At 136 for three, Kent were considerably better off than Surrey who, at a similar stage, had tumbled to 135 for six, thanks to some good bowling from Fleming and Strang and their own impetuosity. For his considerable part in helping Surrey to lose their way, Fleming, who captured five wickets in all, won the Gold Award. Running him close was Stewart's sparkling half-century, and Cowdrey's valiant 47 from 66 balls.

Surrey's 257, though a useful total, was a disappointment for them after a start that was not only whirlwind in its conception, but devastating in its effect. McCague's first two overs cost 14 runs; Headley's yielded 22.

Ealham, brought on to steady things, conceded 27 from his first 12 balls. Stewart and Brown sent up the fifty after 29 balls. Surrey's first hundred came from 66 deliveries and it coincided with Stewart's half-century.

The loss of Brown, at 68, caused no faltering in Stewart's stride as Surrey, their batting order jumbled in the search for quick runs, laid about Kent. Stewart's dismissal, though, led to a nasty slide from which Surrey did well to recover, if only partially. Lightning reactions from Cowdrey at silly point, as Stewart advanced a pace or two, led to the Surrey opener being run out. When he left, Surrey were 108 for two in the thirteenth over and, before long, this had been translated to 135 for six.

Thorpe survived a confident appeal for a catch at slip when he had made ten, but then grafted as the occasion demanded. Lewis contributed usefully as did Adam Hollioake, batting at No 8 in the reshuffled order, but with Fleming producing his best return in the competition with five for 54, the recovery fell short of being complete.

Lehmann's absence raises questions

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 43 for no wicket against Lancashire

ALMOST £3 million has been spent in the winter smartening up Old Trafford and a notice pinned in the pavilion informs members that the club's target for the season is to win the county championship. About time, too, will be the reaction of most, though they will be equally reluctant to relinquish the one-day pots they have hunted with such success.

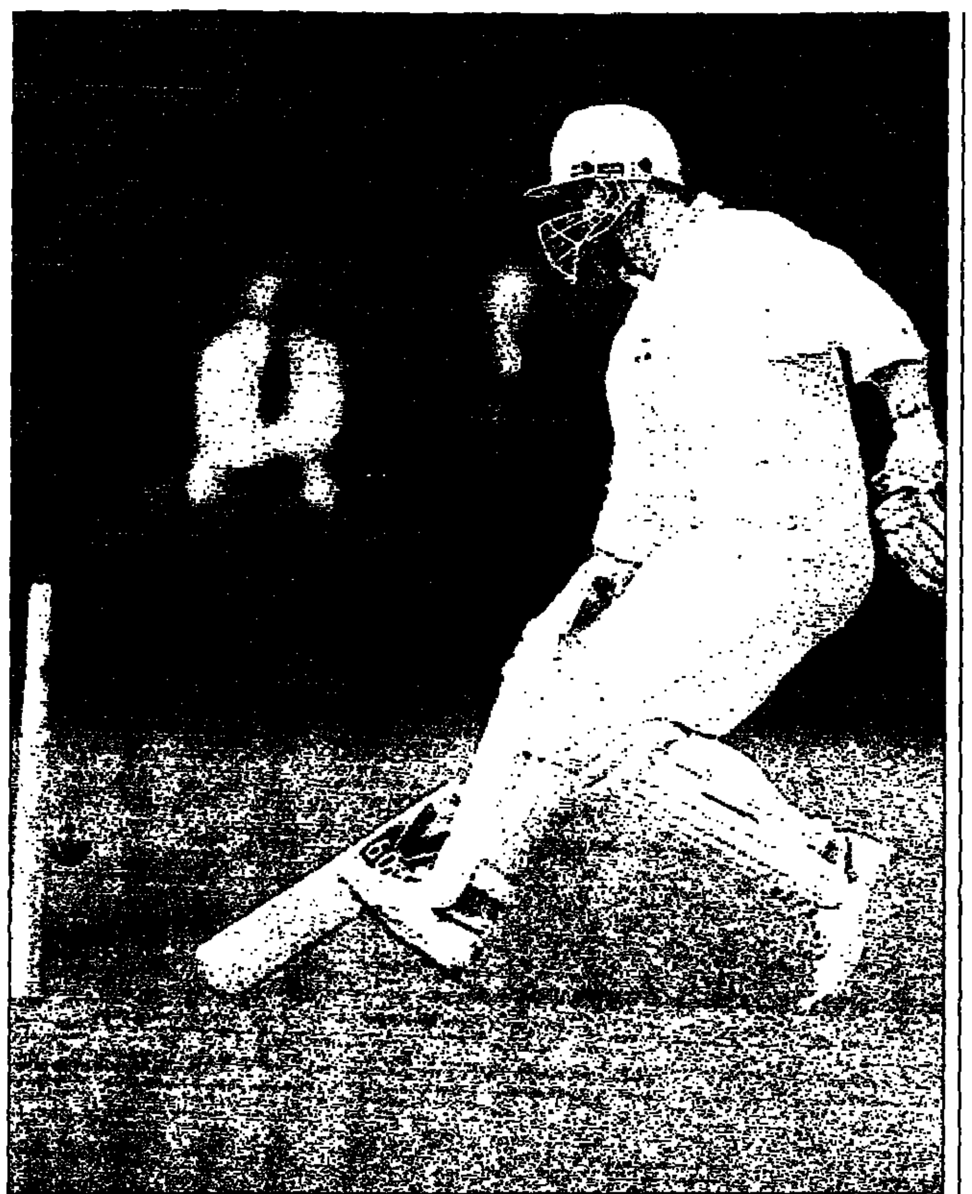
The Benson and Hedges Cup and NatWest Trophy are both on show in the museum, their presence appreciated all the more for the fact that Yorkshire were beaten here in the semi-finals of each competition last year. The teams met again in the opening zonal game of the new season yesterday, but the Manchester weather ensured that the reunion fell depressingly flat.

Neither side fielded their overseas player and, if the absence of Wasim Akram was expected, that of Yorkshire's recent recruit, Darren Lehmann, was not.

Yorkshire, concerned that he has not batted competitively for a month, left him out yesterday and warned that the same may happen against Worcestershire tomorrow.

Apart from begging a question about precisely how Lehmann can demonstrate his readiness, it suggests that Yorkshire may be ambivalent on the issue of having an import at all.

David Byas, the captain, promoted himself to open and, in the 10.5 overs possible, put on 43 with Martyn Moxon, a useful platform for the resumption today.



Declan Curry, the Ireland opening batsman, just succeeds in making his ground during his innings of 75 against Middlesex in Dublin yesterday. Report, page 56

Russell refuses to be rattled

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire (2pts) beat British Universities by 122 runs

ANYONE walking into the County Ground yesterday morning would have been forgiven for thinking that this was one of the outstanding Benson and Hedges Cup fixtures of the day, so great was the number of cameras on show. Unfortunately, they would have been wrong.

The cameras were there to capture Jack Russell, the Gloucestershire wicketkeeper, who, after the advance publicity for his book, with its adverse comments about Michael Atherton and Raymond Illingworth, now looks safe in adding the word "former" to his England title.

The photographers would also have liked to record David Lawerence playing in his comeback game, but that one will have to wait. The fast bowler had a muscle strain, unrelated to his suspect knee, and did not feature.

The fuss that surrounded Russell did not affect his performance. He scored an unbeaten 28 from just 15 deliveries as Gloucestershire, after a solid 62 from Nick Trainor, overwhelmed the students' attack, with 114 coming from the last 11 overs. The unlikely rebel then took four catches as British Universities slumped to 63 for six before recovering to 159 all out.

It might have been an award-winning performance, but Shaun Young, the latest Gloucestershire recruit from Australia, won the man-of-the-match award after scoring 52 from just 53 balls, sharing a partnership of 62 in seven overs with Mark Alleyne.

Alleyne, whose 32 came even more quickly, later completed the catch of the match when he clung on to a full-blooded drive from Tim Hodgson, the Universities opener, who had worked his way to a steady 23.

Chasing 282, the students were quickly in trouble, as Ed Smith and Anarug Singh, both of Cambridge, were caught behind without scoring, and Martyn Ball effectively ended the contest by taking four for 24, his best figures in the competition.

Toby Bailey made up for some indifferent work behind the stumps earlier in the day by scoring 52, completing his half-century with a pulled six off Mike Smith. Robin Martin-Jenkins also did a stout job for the students in picking up four wickets, even if three of them came in the run-chase.

RUGBY UNION

New cup contest mooted

By David Hands
Rugby correspondent

THE schedule next season in England will include a league cup, if plans considered yesterday by the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and representatives of the senior clubs come to fruition. It will be a Sunday competition, to ensure that club rugby can be sustained on a regular basis, even on weekends on which representative games take precedence.

This season, the clubs have had their fingers scorched by the failure of the Anglo-Welsh competition. It virtually sank without trace because of fixture overload, yet the need to build rest periods into a crowded season has to be balanced by the requirements of the professional clubs for a consistent revenue base.

The provisional structure for 1997-98 fits the league cup into November, when England play Australia, New Zealand and South Africa on four successive weekends, and then coincides with dates for the five nations' championship.

The concept involves first-division clubs, many of whom would lose their better players to England or England A at the same time, playing development XVs against the strongest XVs the second-division clubs could field.

However, there is some way to go before a league cup gets beyond the drawing board and there remains a body of opinion within the RFU that would retain divisional rugby in some shape or form.

"It would provide the matches needed by clubs, not only from a commercial point of view but from a competitive point of view, too," Kim Deshayes, the chief executive of English Rugby Partnership (ERP), the company charged with running the professional game, said. "We hope all 24 clubs will agree, though it could go ahead with 20 or 16 clubs."

A new Sunday competition could appeal to BSkyB, the satellite broadcasting company, which is part-owned by News International (owners of *The Times*), which will have primary rights to English domestic rugby next season, although the coincidence with international rugby might well limit its appeal.

IN BRIEF

Henman victim of inactivity

TIM HENMAN, the Great Britain No 1, dropped one place, to No 16, in the world rankings issued by the Association of Tennis Professionals yesterday, while Greg Rusedski remained at No 40. Henman has gone down because Alex Corretja, of Spain, who reached the final of the Monte Carlo Open, has moved up to No 13.

Henman and Rusedski, who have been inactive lately after injuries but are now practising regularly in London at Queen's Club, hope to return within the next two weeks. Rusedski intends to play in Hamburg next week and Henman is looking to compete at the Italian Open in Rome a week later.

Mark Petchey is the only other British man in the top 200, at No 191.

Hockey: The new English Hockey Association, shortly to be formed by the merger of the Hockey Association with the All England Women's Hockey Association, is seeking a full-time performance director. The appointment will entail a deep study of the performance of national teams and the development of leading players. The performance director will also lead the process of appointing a national coach for the men's team to cover the period ahead including the World Cup in Holland next year. David Whittle will continue as team manager.

Rugby union: The play-offs to decide the last two promotion and relegation places between the Courage Clubs Championship first and second divisions will be played on May 7 and 11. The clubs involved are Bristol and London Irish, from the first division, and Coventry and Bedford, from the second. The first division clubs have opted for home advantage in the second legs.

Lacrosse: Australia's 6-0 defeat of Canada on the second day of the women's World Cup in Tokyo yesterday has set a problem for England, who must now beat Australia or the United States to have any hope of a place in the final. Scotland struggled to beat Japan 9-4 yesterday, scoring six times in the last ten minutes.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Benson & Hedges Cup

Essex v Glamorgan

CHELMSFORD (Essex won toss): Essex (2pts) beat Glamorgan by five wickets

GLAMORGAN

S P James c Rollins b Ilott	15
H Morris c S G Law b Such	67
A Dale c Grayson b Irani	17
*M P Maynard c Hussain b Irani	44
P A Cottey c Prichard b Grayson	9
G P Butcher c Rollins b Irani	4
†A D Shaw c Grayson b Ilott	15
R D B Croft st Rollins b Grayson	11
S D Thomas not out	13
S L Watkin c Rollins b Ilott	1
O T Parkin st Rollins b Grayson	7
Extras (lb 3, w 4)	7
Total (49.3 overs)	210

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-68, 3-141, 4-146, 5-155, 6-161, 7-180, 8-195, 9-196

BOWLING: Ilott 10-1-38-3; Cowan 10-1-55-0; Irani 10-0-42-3; Such 10-1-33-1; Grayson 9.3-0-39-3

ESSEX

G A Gooch c James b Parkin	16
*P J Prichard c Shaw b Thomas	28
S G Law c Shaw b Thomas	20
R C Irani not out	82
A P Grayson c Maynard b Dale	12
D R Law c Shaw b Watkin	28
†R J Rollins not out	18
Extras (lb 4, w 1, nb 2)	7
Total (5 wkts, 43.1 overs)	211

N Hussain, M C Ilott, A P Cowan and P M Such did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-62, 3-71, 4-95, 5-157

BOWLING: Watkin 10-2-27-1; Parkin 5-0-31-1; Dale 8-0-37-1; Thomas 8-0-60-2; Croft 10-0-33-0; Butcher 3.1-0-13-0; Maynard 1-0-6-0

Gold award: R C Irani

Umpires: B Dudleston and A G T Whitehead

Gloucestershire v British Universities

BRISTOL (British Universities won toss): Gloucestershire (2pts) beat British Universities by 122 runs

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

N J Trainor b Martin-Jenkins	62
M A Lynch c Smith b Jones	15
A J Wright c Bailey b Martin-Jenkins	27
S Young c Ford b Martin-Jenkins	52
R J Cunliffe b Rashid	24
*M W Alleyne b Martin-Jenkins	32
†R C Russell not out	28
T H C Hancock not out	24
Extras (b 3, lb 5, w 5, nb 4)	17
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs)	281

M C J Ball, A M Smith and R P Davis did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-103, 3-124, 4-167, 5-229, 6-230

BOWLING: Martin-Jenkins 10-0-57-4; Jones 10-0-57-1; Boswell 10-1-62-0; Rashid 10-0-45-1; Chilton 5-0-25-0; Ford 5-0-27-0

BRITISH UNIVERSITIES

T P Hodgson c Alleyne b Ball	23
E T Smith c Russell b Hancock	0
*A Singh c Russell b Smith	0
M J Chilton c Cunliffe b Ball	13
W J House lbw b Ball	1
J A Ford b Ball	7
†T M B Bailey c Russell b Smith	52
U B A Rashid c Trainor b Smith	31
R S C Martin-Jenkins run out	10
P S Jones not out	5
S A J Boswell c Russell b Hancock	3
Extras (b 5, lb 4, w 3, nb 2)	14
Total (49.1 overs)	159

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-8, 3-38, 4-43, 5-44, 6-63, 7-117, 8-141, 9-154

BOWLING: Hancock 9.1-2-34-2; Smith 10-2-24-3; Young 4-0-8-0; Ball 10-3-23-4; Davis 10-2-35-0; Trainor 6-0-26-0

Gold award: S Young

Umpires: D J Constant and J F Steele

Lancashire v Yorkshire

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 43 for no wickets against Lancashire

YORKSHIRE

*D Byas not out	15
M D Moxon not out	20
Extras (lb 4, w 4)	8
Total (no wkt, 10.5 overs)	43

M P Vaughan, B Parker, A McGrath, C White, †R J Blakey, D Gough, P J Hartley, C E W Silverwood and R D Stemp to bat

BOWLING: Martin 4-1-16-0; Austin 4-0-16-0; Chapple 2.5-0-7-0

LANCASHIRE: J E R Gallian, *M A Atherton, J P Crawley, N H Fairbrother, G D Lloyd, †W K Hegg, I D Austin, G Yates, R J Green, G Chapple, P J Martin

Umpires: R Julian and R A White

Minor Counties v Derbyshire

LAKENHAM (Derbyshire won toss): Derbyshire, with eight wickets in hand, need 91 runs to beat Minor Counties

MINOR COUNTIES

S J Dean c Krikken b Malcolm	7
W Larkins c Jones b Malcolm	0
J P J Sylvester b DeFreitas	7
*I Cockbain b Dean	30
M A Fell b Roberts	67
R N Dalton b Harris	76
S V Laudat not out	43
J M Fielding c Clarke b Roberts	1
N V Radford not out	10
Extras (lb 4, w 11)	15
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs)	256

M A Sharp and †P J Nicholson did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-9, 3-31, 4-97, 5-173, 6-229, 7-232

BOWLING: DeFreitas 10-2-25-1; Malcolm 10-2-42-2; Harris 10-0-65-1; Dean 8-0-57-1; Roberts 10-1-50-2; Clarke 2-0-13-0

DERBYSHIRE

K J Barnett c Nicholson b Fell	28
C J Adams not out	95
D E Malcolm c Larkins b Fielding	13
*D M Jones not out	20
Extras (lb 4, w 6)	10
Total (2 wkts, 32 overs)	166

P A J DeFreitas, G A Khan, V P Clarke, †K M Krikken, G M Roberts, A J Harris and K J Dean to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-99, 2-112

BOWLING: Radford 8-0-29-0; Sharp 7-1-25-0; Dalton 3-0-31-0; Fielding 7-0-40-1; Fell 4-0-19-1; Laudat 3-0-18-0

Umpires: B J Meyer and B Leadbeater

Nottinghamshire v Durham

TRENT BRIDGE (Durham won toss): Nottinghamshire, with seven wickets in hand, need 137 runs to beat Durham

DURHAM

J J B Lewis lbw b Archer	38
P D Collingwood b Bates	49
M A Roseberry st Noon b Bates	22
*D C Boon not out	64
N J Speak c Noon b Pick	31
†M P Speight b Evans	7
M M Betts not out	5
Extras (lb 8, w 6)	14
Total (5 wkts, 50 overs)	230

J Boiling, N Killeen, S J E Brown and A Walker did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-82, 2-96, 3-122, 4-207, 5-219

BOWLING: Evans 10-1-40-1; Pick 8-1-43-1; Tolley 9-0-40-0; Dowman 5-0-25-0; Bates 10-0-40-2; Archer 8-1-34-1.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

M P Dowman c Speight b Killeen	16
R T Robinson c Speight b Betts	10
G F Archer not out	34
*P Johnson b Boiling	21
P R Pollard not out	10
Extras (lb 2, w 1)	3
Total (3 wkts, 26 overs)	94

N A Gie, C M Tolley, †W M Noon, K P Evans, R T Bates and R A Pick to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-39, 3-78

BOWLING: Brown 6-0-30-0; Betts 7-3-23-1; Killeen 7-0-26-1; Boiling 6-0-23-1

Umpires: J C Balderstone and H D Bird

Surrey v Kent

THE OVAL (Kent won toss): Kent (2pts) beat Surrey by four wickets

SURREY

A D Brown c Ealham b Fleming	26
†A J Stewart run out	51
B C Hollioake b Fleming	30
I D K Salisbury st Marsh b Strang	14
G P Thorpe c Wells b Ealham	47
M A Butcher c Strang b Fleming	1
N Shahid b Strang	3
*A J Hollioake c Marsh b Headley	22
C C Lewis c Ward b Fleming	33
M P Bicknell c Marsh b Fleming	13
J E Benjamin not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 2, nb 6)	17
Total (49.5 overs)	257

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-68, 2-108, 3-126, 4-126, 5-128, 6-135, 7-191, 8-222, 9-257

BOWLING: McCague 10-0-61-0; Headley 10-1-47-1; Ealham 10-0-59-1; Fleming 9.5-1-54-5; Strang 10-2-27-2

KENT

M V Fleming c Stewart b Lewis	19
M J Walker c and b Salisbury	56
T R Ward lbw b Benjamin	42
A P Wells c Stewart b Benjamin	40
G R Cowdrey c A J Hollioake b Benjamin	47
M A Ealham not out	19
N J Llong b A J Hollioake	6
P A Strang not out	3
Extras (lb 10, w 4, nb 16)	30
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs)	262

*†S A Marsh, M J McCague and D W Headley did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-134, 3-136, 4-232, 5-241, 6-250

BOWLING: Bicknell 7-1-55-0; Lewis 5-0-31-1; B C Hollioake 9-0-50-0; A J Hollioake 9-0-37-1; Salisbury 10-1-31-1; Benjamin 10-0-48-3

Gold award: M V Fleming

Umpires: J D Bond and V A Holder

Sussex v Hampshire

HOVE (Hampshire won toss): Sussex (2pts) beat Hampshire by 49 runs

SUSSEX

K Greenfield lbw b Udal	39
V C Drakes c Aymes b Connor	12
N R Taylor b Stephenson	22
N J Lenham b Stephenson	0
C W J Athey run out	66
K Newell lbw b Udal	6
*†P Moores run out	16
P W Jarvis not out	42
N C Phillips not out	0
Extras (b 2, lb 14, w 9, nb 4)	29
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs)	232

A A Khan and M A Robinson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-60, 3-60, 4-99, 5-117, 6-144, 7-231

BOWLING: Connor 10-0-61-1; Renshaw 10-0-47-0; James 10-0-46-0; Stephenson 10-1-34-2; Udal 10-1-28-2

HAMPSHIRE

J S Laney b Jarvis	13
M L Hayden c Robinson b Phillips	44
R A Smith c Moores b Jarvis	2
M Keech c Taylor b Robinson	11
S D Udal run out	0
W S Kendall b Khan	2
*J P Stephenson run out	66
†A N Aymes b Khan	15
K D James lbw b Khan	10
C A Connor b Jarvis	2
S J Renshaw not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 6, nb 2)	17
Total (47.3 overs)	183

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-22, 3-52, 4-53, 5-59, 6-119, 7-159, 8-173, 9-179

BOWLING: Jarvis 9-3-30-3; Drakes 8.3-0-31-0; Robinson 10-1-19-1; Khan 10-1-31-3; Newell 3-0-22-0; Phillips 7-0-41-1

Gold award: P W Jarvis

Umpires: A Clarkson and K E Palmer

Worcestershire v Warwickshire

WORCESTER (Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire (2pts) beat Worcestershire by six wickets

WORCESTERSHIRE

W P C Weston c Ostler b Brown	6
†S J Rhodes b Brown	7
G A Hick c Giles b Welch	8
*T M Moody b Brown	7
K R Spiring lbw b Brown	0
V S Solanki c Giles b Small	14
D A Leatherdale c Piper b Brown	0
G R Haynes c Ostler b Small	10
S R Lampitt c Donald b Giles	23
R J Chapman b Small	0
P J Newport not out	15
Extras (lb 2, w 4)	6
Total (37.1 overs)	96

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-20, 3-29, 4-29, 5-32, 6-33, 7-52, 8-56, 9-56

BOWLING: Donald 9.5-3-20-0; Brown 10-0-31-5; Welch 8-2-18-1; Small 6-0-19-3; Giles 2.2-0-6-1; Smith 1-0-1-0

WARWICKSHIRE

D R Brown c Moody b Newport	2
N M K Smith c Rhodes b Lampitt	11
*A J Moles b Lampitt	5
D L Hemp b Newport	0
D P Ostler not out	37
T L Penney not out	33
Extras (w 6, nb 2)	8
Total (4 wkts, 30.2 overs)	97

G Welch, †K J Piper, A F Giles, G C Small and A A Donald did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-18, 3-19, 4-36

BOWLING: Newport 8-2-23-2; Chapman 6-0-27-0; Lampitt 7-3-17-2; Haynes 6-1-18-0; Leatherdale 3.2-1-12-0

Gold award: D R Brown

Umpires: J H Hampshire and D R Shepherd

Leicestershire v Scotland

LEICESTER (Scotland won toss): Leicestershire (2pts) beat Scotland by 178 runs

LEICESTERSHIRE

D L Maddy c Hurlbatt b Williamson	97
I J Sutcliffe c Davies b Williamson	59
*J J Whitaker b Blain	51
V J Wells b Steindl	19
A Habib c Smith b Blain	53
J M Dakin c Lockhart b Hurlbatt	28
†P A Nixon not out	11
G I Macmillan not out	16
Extras (lb 4, w 5, nb 28)	37
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs)	371

D J Millns, M T Brimson and A D Mullally did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-159, 2-182, 3-229, 4-283, 5-338, 6-339

BOWLING: Blain 6-0-82-2; Hurlbatt 10-1-76-1; Steindl 9-0-61-1; Gourlay 5-0-34-0; Williamson 10-0-61-2; Govan 10-0-53-0

SCOTLAND

*I L Philip c Maddy b Wells	35
B M W Patterson b Dakin	36
D R Lockhart b Dakin	7
M J Smith b Wells	6
J G Williamson c Nixon b Wells	10
S Gourlay lbw b Maddy	16
†A G Davies not out	35
J W Govan not out	22
Extras (lb 11, w 11, nb 4)	26
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs)	193

G P Hurlbatt, P D Steindl and J A R Blain did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-76, 2-91, 3-97, 4-102, 5-123, 6-135

BOWLING: Mullally 8-1-29-0; Millns 7-1-25-0; Wells 10-1-36-3; Dakin 5-0-16-2; Brimson 10-1-26-0; Maddy 7-1-23-1; Macmillan 3-0-28-0

Gold award: D L Maddy

Umpires: J H Harris and T E Jesty

Second Test match

Sri Lanka v Pakistan

COLOMBO (third day of five): Sri Lanka, with all second-innings wickets in hand, 141 runs ahead of Pakistan

SRI LANKA: First Innings 331 (P A de Silva 138 not out, S T Jayasuriya 72; Saqlain Mushtaq 4 for 115)

Second Innings

S T Jayasuriya not out	61
R P Arnold not out	29
Extras (b 6, nb 6)	12
Total (no wkt)	102

BOWLING: Salim Malik 7-2-13-0; Ijaz Ahmed 5-0-18-0; Saqlain Mushtaq 14-3-39-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 12-2-26-0.

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Salim Elahi c Tillekeratne b Vaas	0
*Ramiz Raja c Arnold b S C de Silva	36
Ijaz Ahmed c Arnold b Vaas	4
Salim Malik c Ranatunga b S C de Silva	24
Inzamam-ul-Haq c Kaluwitharana b Vaas	43
Asif Mujtaba c P A de Silva, b Vaas	49
†Moin Khan c Atapattu b K J Silva	98
Saqlain Mushtaq b S C de Silva	23
Mushtaq Ahmed c Atapattu b S C de Silva	1
Mohammed Zahid c Kaluwitharana b S C de Silva	0
Shahid Nazir not out	0
Extras (lb 4, w 4, nb 6)	14
Total	292

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-13, 3-50, 4-83, 5-147, 6-238, 7-276, 8-283, 9-283

BOWLING: Vaas 27-7-60-4; S C de Silva 24.2-5-85-5; K J Silva 25-5-91-1; Kalpage 23-8-42-0; Ranatunga 4.1-1-8-0; Arnold 5-3-2-0

□ S C de Silva was injured after bowling five balls of his 13th over on Sunday. A Ranatunga completed the over

Umpires: P Manuel (Sri Lanka) and I T Robinson (Zimbabwe)

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GOLF: RYDER CUP VETERAN RECOVERS HIS TOUCH AS 1997 MATCH APPROACHES

Bruiser James back in the hunt

By Mel Webb

THE quarry has suddenly shown itself after remaining out of sight for an age and the old hunter has pricked up his ears. If history is anything to go by, he will not be satisfied until he has his teeth sunk firmly into his target's rump. It is Ryder Cup year. Mark James is back.

James won the Spanish Open at the third hole of a play-off at La Moraleja II on Sunday with a performance that saw him at his obdurate, adhesive, bloody-minded best. On the face of it, he should not have had the barest whiff of a chance.

Consider this: he had not won for more than two years: in finishing 116th in the European order of merit in 1996, 84 places worse than his previous lowest in a distinguished career, he had not driven well, hit his irons well, putted well or, crucially, thought well. Moreover, he was playing against Greg Norman, the man who needed only a top-ten finish to regain his place from Tom Lehman at the top of the official world rankings. It was like pitching a scarred bull terrier in a race against a greyhound, was it not? No chance. And yet...

James is a doughty battler at any time. Give him a challenge and he will rise to it, he is that sort of a chap — but dangle the words "Ryder Cup" in front of his quizzical, moustachioed face and the bull terrier turns to rottweiler. The rules of engagement this time were simple — the winner takes £85,000, the loser gets a good deal less and a golfing bloody nose.

The "X" factor was Sam Ryder's famous old trophy. James becomes a different man in odd-numbered years — it is as though his circadian rhythms depend on lining up against 12 Americans some time in September when the dates cannot be divided by two.

To be honest, at the end of last year there seemed more probability of James sailing round the world single-handed in a shoe box than of him claiming a place in the 32nd Ryder Cup. Men who finish 116th in the order of merit simply do not play in Ryder Cups. This one might, however.

Ask him why he loves playing in the match and he will probably think a bit, smile a sardonic smile and give a reply born of a wit that is as dry as the finest Chablis. Take no notice — he loves it as much as the next man, especially if he happens to be Sam Torrance, another player of certain years who likes a few games of golf and a good cry come Ryder Cup time.

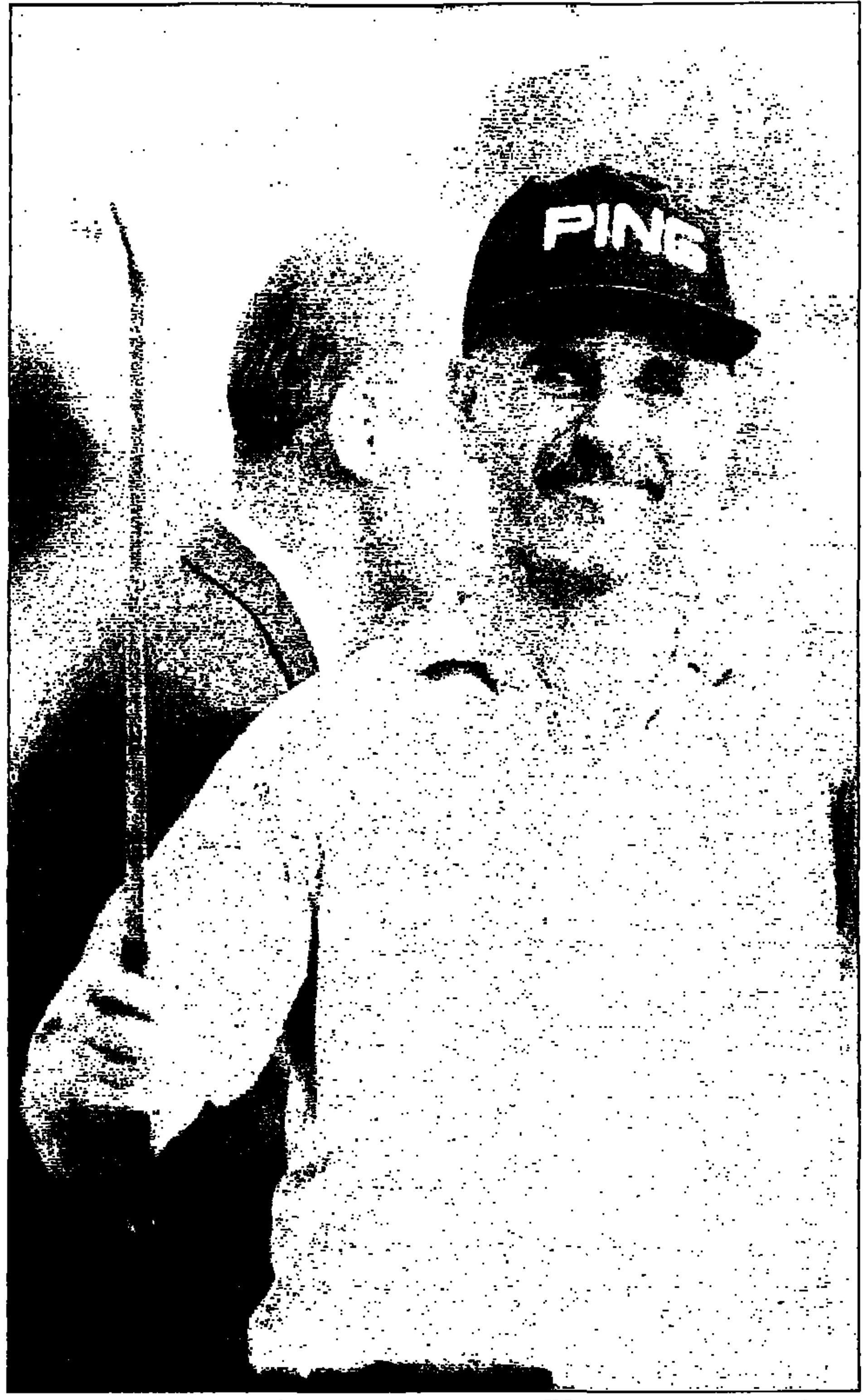
James is about to enter his 22nd summer as a PGA European Tour player and professional golf has been kind to him. This son of Lancashire who lives in Yorkshire — he has a lovely house and a much-cherished garden in Ilkley — was a likely lad in the days of his youth. His antics in the company of Ken Brown ruffled a few feathers in the 1979 Ryder Cup match at The Greenbrier.

They are so embedded in the curriculum vitae of both men that they will never shake them off, no matter that they are now both highly respected, James, still, as a player and, as the chairman of the European Tour's tournament committee, Brown as one of the wise men of televised golf.

On the course, James is as difficult to beat at the age of 43 as he was a decade ago. Until 1996, that is, but events on Sunday have put him back on the right track.

"This win was very important," he said. "You can get lost and if you lose it for a season or two at my age, there is less incentive to work your butt off to get it back."

Now the incentive has returned and on it is painted, in big red letters, "Valderrama, 1997". He has not been very far away, it is true, but wherever he was, he's back. And a good thing, too.


SERGIO PEREZ

James signals his delight after winning the play-off for the Spanish Open title

TABLE TENNIS

Syed fails to save England

By Richard Eaton

A DETERMINED victory by Matthew Syed over both Peter Karlsson, the world No 15, and his own increasing exhaustion was not enough to rescue England from defeat against Sweden at the world championships in Manchester yesterday.

The result ended the men's team's hope of reaching the quarter-finals, but a 3-1 defeat and the right to play-off for places nine to 16 were satisfactory rewards from a campaign in which performances have often exceeded expectations.

That was certainly true of Syed against Karlsson. "I was dead mentally and physically," said the Commonwealth champion, whose retrieving around the back of the court requires him to work harder than any of his colleagues. "I just tried to eke something out, fight as hard as I could and hope it worked."

When Syed was a game and 12-16 down, his efforts looked to have been in vain, but he hung on and a couple of mistakes with forehand loops suddenly seemed to affect Karlsson's confidence.

Once Syed had pushed the match into a third game, the Swede misread increasingly the defensive spins and Syed's victory was completed when Karlsson hit another forehand loop off the table, immediately appealing loudly both to the umpire and his own team-mates that it had taken an edge. His appeals changed nothing and Syed was the winner by 17-21, 21-19, 21-17.

Carl Prean stretched Jan-Ove Waldner in the first game, but the former world champion was too full of silken top spins for his opponent and won 22-20, 21-13. Jorgen Persson beat Alan Cooke in straight games and Cooke also lost the last encounter, to Waldner, 21-14, 21-16.

Later, with Syed rested, England lost 3-0 to Austria, which means that the highest they can now finish is thirteenth.

A later group defeat against Belgium meant that Sweden were forced to confront China, their great rivals, in the quarter-finals. Sweden's misgivings were justified — China beat them 3-1.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 49

MOUNSTER

(a) The old-fashioned form of *monster*. "I am so glad to see that young Julie is learning to ride. Look at them go now: mount and little mounster!"

COCKALORUM

(a) A self-important little man. From High Cockalorum, an energetic game said to be not unlike leap-frog. The exact nature of this game is obscure. But it sounds very similar to the modern game of General Elections, in which self-important little men (and women) make fools of themselves.

PARALOGISM

(c) Illogical reasoning, the illogicality of which the reasoner in question is unaware of. From the Greek for beyond or beside reason. "Ah, Herr Professor, how can I possibly be expected to match you in paralogism?"

AUTOCHTHON

(a) An original inhabitant. The highfalutin' Greek synonym for the Latin *aboriginal*. Incidentally, there is no such word as *aborigine*. But *aborigines* is an acceptable plural for *aboriginal*.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 ... Qe7! And if 2 fxe7 Bg7 and Black will emerge much material ahead.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

European under-21 championship

Qualifying group two

England v Georgia (at The Valley, 7.45)

Group four

Sweden v Scotland (at Tröllhattan, 5.30)

Group eight

Romania v Ireland (at Bucharest, 6.45)

Nationwide League

Second division

Gillingham v Walsall (7.45)

Third division

Carlisle v Rochdale (7.45)

Vauxhall Conference

Altrincham v Stevenage (7.45)

Bath v Farnborough (7.45)

Morecambe v Southport (7.45)

Rushden and Diamonds v Woking (7.45)

Welling v Stalybridge (7.45)

UEFA UNDER-18 CHAMPIONSHIP: Intermediary round: England v Portugal (at Gigg Lane, Bury)

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Gloucester v Dorchester, Hastings v Crawley. Midland division: Dudley Town v Bedworth; Stafford v RC Warwick. Cup: Final, second leg: Sudbury Town v Burton Albion

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Blyth Spartans v Frickley, Lancaster v Buxton, Spennymoor v Bishop Auckland: Witton v Colwyn Bay. First division: Farsley Celtic v Great Harwood, Gretna v Bradford Pk Ave, Harrogate Town v Netherfield, Leigh v Radcliffe, Worksop v Droylsden. League Cup: Final: Boston v Gainsborough (at Sincil Bank, Lincoln)

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Sutton United, Boreham Wood v Purfleet (7.45) Bromley v Yeovil; Oxford City v Enfield. First division: Wokingham v Chesham. Second division: Banstead v Egham: Barking v Collier Row and Romford. Horsham v Dorking, Metropolitan Police v H Hempstead. Third division: Aveley v Epsom and Ewell, East Thurrock v Clapton, Hornchurch v Southall

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Watford v Cardiff (at Chesham United FC) West Ham v Oxford Utd (at Dagenham and Redbridge FC 2.0) Wimbledon v Charlton (at Plough Lane 2.0)

PONTIN'S LEAGUE. Premier division. Oldham v Birmingham (7.0), Sheffield Wednesday v Derby (7.0). First division: Sheffield United v Coventry (7.0). Second division: Manchester City v Stockport (7.0), Rotherham v Barnsley (7.0)

GILBERT LEAGUE OF WALES. Connah's Quay v Caersws. Flint Town v Barry: Rhyl v Cemaes Bay

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Premier division. Play-off, first leg: Bangor v Ards

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Chatham v Lordswood; Cray v Beckenham; Greenwich v Tunbridge Wells; Herne Bay v Corinthian, Whitstable Town v Sheppey

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Cockfosters v St Margaretsbury

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE. Premier division: Biggleswade v Welwyn Garden; Buckingham Athletic v Potters Bar: Letchworth v Langford.

ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Coleshill v Handrahan Timbers; Massey Ferguson v Highgate Richmond Swifts v Coventry Sphinx. Southam v David Lloyd, Wellesbourne v Knowle

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon United v Burnham Almondsbury v Endsleigh, Bicester v Highworth.

COURAGE COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Raynes Park Vale v Netherne, Reading Town v Viking Sports, Westfield v Godalming and Guildford.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Kidsgrove v Bootle: Newcastle Town v Nantwich Town

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Saffron Walden v Southend Manor, Stansted v Concord Rangers

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Clacton v Stowmarket; Diss v Great Yarmouth, Gorleston v Lowestoft: Tiptree v Wroxham, Watton v Felixstowe P and T

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare v Sheffield, Hucknall Town v Arnold: Pickering v Liversedge; Pontefract Colls v Ossett Albion

CRICKET

Benson and Hedges Cup

11.0, 50 overs

DUBLIN (Castle Avenue): Ireland v Middlesex

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Yorkshire

LAKENHAM: Minor Counties v Derbyshire

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Durham

RUGBY UNION

Courage Clubs Championship

Fourth division south

Cheltenham v Henley (8.0)

Welsh League

First division

Swansea v Caerphilly (7.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE. Premier division: Dudley Hill v Oldham St Anne's (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Embassy world championships (at Sheffield)

TABLE TENNIS. World championships (at Manchester)

Cutting Edge Special - One Night Stand:
Tonight 9.00
People with one thing on their mind

TELEVISION CHOICE

One for the Dando fan club

Holiday: Fasten Your Seatbelt
BBC1, 7.00pm

For those who cannot get enough of Jill Dando, whether it is reading the news, hosting *Crimewatch* or lolling on some tropical beach (in the cause of duty, naturally) here is yet more. The Dando fan club will recall a previous edition of *Fasten Your Seatbelt* in which she tried to pass herself off as an air stewardess. Despite dropping things and getting in a muddle over change, she now moves on to a bigger challenge as she joins the staff of Walt Disney World in Florida. She starts modestly with a dustpan and broom before donning a wig and dark glasses to play a 1940s Hollywood starlet and after that skippering the Jungle Cruise. Celebrities threatening to make fools of themselves in future programmes include Carol Smillie as a hotel waitress and Toyah Willcox as a chalet girl.

Children's Hospital
BBC1, 8.00pm

Most of the patients featured in this series are in Alder Hey Hospital in Liverpool through no fault of their own. Baby Fiona, whom we met last week, was born with a hole the size of a 10p piece in the wall of muscle beneath her lungs. She is on the mend from life-saving surgery. Steven, who is ten, has brittle bones and has undergone six operations to insert metal rods in his legs and arms. Surgery on his club foot may enable him to walk for the first time in his life. But the horrendous burns suffered by 13-year-old Martin were nobody's fault but his own. He was "surfing" on a coal train when he was electrocuted by an overhead cable. Not that the Alder Hey medics are in the business of making moral judgments. Martin gets the same level of care and treatment as any of the hospital's other young charges.

Touching Evil
ITV, 9.00pm

Faced with an almost impossible challenge, a new format for a police series, the writer Paul Abbott has come up with a national rapid response unit inspired by the FBI and specialising in organised and serial crime. Less original is the unit's star man, a detective inspector (Robson Green from Abbott's *Reckless*), who, like many of his television ilk, uses unorthodox methods and has an unhappy marriage. His sparring partner is another DI (Nicola Walker), only 28 and seemingly young for her rank. Abbott also wrote for *Cracker* and this new show has the brooding *Cracker* look and something of its dramatic intensity. The first case concerns the abduction of children in Britain and Germany. With only one suspect, the question is not whodunnit but whether they can pin it on him. The two-part story concludes next week.

Jill Dando in Disney World (BBC1, 7pm)

Cutting Edge Special: One Night Stand
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Meet three very different people with one thing in common, the archetypal formula for a television documentary. Bonnie is 24 and a single mother, Mark a 28-year-old bachelor and Jean-Yves a gay man in his thirties. All are practitioners of the one night stand, enjoying the pleasures of sex but determined to avoid long-term commitments. According to the film, which follows them to various night spots in search of a pick-up, they have no difficulty finding temporary partners of like mind. Or perhaps we are not shown the times when they return empty-handed. It may seem a curious way of life but all three make a case for it. They say the danger is getting to like the person too much, making it difficult to get out of the relationship. At least Jean-Yves manages to extricate himself with some delicacy and style. **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

Croft Originals
Radio 2, 9.30pm

The history of British television comedy would have taken a very different course if David Croft had stuck to his first love, singing in stage musicals. "I sang quite well", he tells presenter Ian Lavender in tonight's *Croft Originals*. He most certainly did. We hear his interpretations of Ko-Ko from *The Mikado* and Hard-boiled Herman from *Rose-Marie*. But fate decreed that Croft should turn to television, producing, directing and co-writing with Jimmy Perry and Jeremy Lloyd such hit comedy series as *Dad's Army*, *Hi-De-Hi* and *It Ain't Half Hot Mum*. Croft is now in his seventies and talking seriously of retirement. This tribute to him is well deserved, though, in my opinion, somewhat overdue.

The Music
Radio 3, 8.10pm

The first time I was made aware of James Hamilton Paterson's gift for using prose to explore musical side-streets was when BBC radio adapted *Gerontius*, his Whitbread prize-winning novel that created a fiction out of Elgar's actual trip up the Amazon in 1923. *The Music* is a collection of his short stories. Radio 3 has dipped into them, selected five, and Ron Berglas reads them every night this week, starting this evening with *Knight*. It is the tale of an American pilot captured and tortured by the Vietcong. Given such a harrowing situation, few writers would have dared to introduce into it a Vietnamese *bon-viveur*, sitting at a piano and playing a Bach partita and one of the 48 preludes. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

7.00am Kevin Greening **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Jo Whiley **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier **6.15** Newsbeat: Interview with Tony Blair **7.00** London Music Week. Includes music from Linoleum, AC Acoustics and Tindersticks **10.30** Mary Anne Hobbs **1.00am** Clare Sturgess **4.00** Clive Warren

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Alan Freeman: Their Greatest Bits **8.00** Nigel Ogden **9.00** Quincy Jones — The Dude and his Music **9.30** Croft Originals. See Choice **10.30** Richard Allinson **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, includes Racing Preview **9.00** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.00pm** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale *Nationwide* **7.00** *News Extra* **7.35** *The Tuesday Match* introduced by Simon Mann. Includes coverage of England's Under-21 game against Georgia **10.00** Brian Hayes's Election Night **12.00** After Hours with Vincent Hanna **2.00am** Up All Night with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Moz Dee's Sportszone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. News on the hour **6.00am** Newshour **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** World Today **7.30** Anatomy of Addiction **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Touched with Fire **8.45** Good Relationship Guide **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** A Cry in the Dark **9.30** *Everywoman* **10.00** *Business* **10.15** *Making of Hamlet* **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Sport **11.30** On Screen **12.30pm** Anatomy of Addiction **1.00** News in German **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Health Matters **1.45** Sport **2.00** Newshour **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.05** Sport **4.15** Performance **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.15** World Today **6.30** News in German **6.45** Sport **7.30** One Planet **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** Megamix **9.00** Newshour **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian Live **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Megamix **1.30** Farming World **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Discovery **3.30** Meridian Live **4.05** Business **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **7.00** Mike Read **10.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Election '97 **1.00pm** *Concerto. Krumpholtz (Harp Concerto No 6)* **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Newsnight **7.30** Sonata. Beethoven (Horn Sonata in F major, Op 17) **8.00** Evening Concert. Schumann (Overture, Scherzo and Finale, Op 52), Haydn (Symphony No 78 in C minor), Mendelssohn (Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage, Op 27) **10.00** Michael Mappin **2.00am** Concerto

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30am Russ 'n' Jono **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nicky Horne **6.00** Paul Coyte **(FM)** / Robin Banks **(AM)** **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Randal Lee Rose

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Brahms (*Viola Sonata in F minor, Op 120 No 1*); Handel (Music for the Royal Fireworks), Korngold (Prelude and Serenade), Schumann (Overture: Manfred); Shostakovich (Film Music: Alone, excerpts); Mozart (Piano Quartet in G minor)

9.00am Morning Collection, with Penny Gore. Includes Adams (The Chairman Dances); Granados (Escenas Romanticas), Grieg (Holberg Suite, Op 40)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Edward Blakeman. Includes Ravel (Rapsodie Espagnole), Tippett (Songs for Ariel); Wiren (Serenade for Strings), Britten (Les Illuminations), Massenet (Piano Concerto in E flat)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Haydn

1.00pm The BBC Orchestras. BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, under Gaetano Delogu. With Ulf Hoelscher, piano. Dvorak (Overture, *Husitska*); Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 2); Brahms (Symphony No 4 in E minor)

2.30 Voices. Iain Burnside presents an irreverant compilation of songs that explore the themes of youth and adolescence *(r)*

3.15 The BBC Orchestras. The BBC Philharmonic, under Vasili Sinaisky. Includes Szymanowski (Concert Overture; Symphony No 2)

4.00 Spirit of the Age. The third programme of the monthly series exploring the history of dance. Dancing and playing have diverged gradually since the 19th Century, however Jeremy Barlow and Michelene Wandor explore what dance can still tell us about musical performance (r)

5.00 Music Machine. Verity Sharp talks to Elizabeth Thompson, editor of *The Dylan Companion*, about the impact of Bob Dylan's music in the 1960s

5.15 In Tune, with Sean Rafferty. Includes Faure (Elegy *in C minor, Op 24); Handel, arr Harty (Water* Music); Roussel (Suite in F major, Op 35)

7.30 Live at Turner Sims. Paul Guinery introduces the first of five live concerts from the Turner Sims Hall in Southampton. With Arturo Pizarro, piano. Chopin (Four Ballades) **8.10** The Music: Knight, by James Hamilton-Paterson. See Choice (1/5) **8.30** Concert Part Two. Scriabin (24 Preludes, Op 11); Stravinsky, transcr Agosti (Three Pieces from the Firebird)

9.30 Icarus Rising. The second of five programmes exploring the creation of the aeroplane

9.55 The BBC Orchestras. BBC National Orchestra of Wales, under Tadaaki Otaka. Takemitsu (Dreamtime): Maw (The World in the Evening)

10.45 Night Waves. Richard Coles talks to the author Edmund White about his latest novel, *The Farewell Symphony*, which, like his previous work, deals with coming to terms with homosexuality. Plus a first-night review of Lorca's *Donna Rosita*, directed by Phyllida Lloyd, and Charles Nicholl charts the lost years of the young poet Arthur Rimbaud

11.30 Composer of the Week: Rachmaninov (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes. Digby Fairweather presents the first of three programmes featuring Andy Sheppard's Moving Image, recorded at Ronnie Scott's in Birmingham

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes **1.00** Haydn *String Quartets: The Lindsay* Quartet. Haydn (String Quartet in D, Op 50 No 6, Frog); Bartok (String Quartet No 6) **1.55** The Vienna Symphony Orchestra, under Horst Stein. With Rudolf Buchbinder, piano. Brahms (Piano Concerto No 1 in D minor) **3.00** Schools **5.00** Sequence

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, includes Sports News and Thought for the Day **8.50** Party Election Broadcast by the Conservative Party **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Election Call. Peter Sissons puts listeners' questions to the leader of the Labour Party, Tony Blair

10.00 News; Walston Goes Walkabout (FM). Oliver Walston discovers a different pace of life in the rural scene of Irish Republic (4/4)

10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray

11.30 All in the Mind, with Professor Anthony Clare. *This week's programme includes a report on the* work being carried out by the Institute of Psychiatry's Child Trauma Clinic in London

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Lesley Riddoch

12.25pm Word of Mouth. Russell Davies explores nonsensical song lyrics and the art of the threatening letter (5/6) **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Books and Company. The last in the current series includes a biography of the film maker Joseph Conrad. With Richard Coles (r)

2.30 Comparing Notes with Brian Kay. Brian Kay investigates pianolas and player-pianos with guests Rex Lawson and Denis Hall

3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Dafre Brehan. Shelley McAllister talks about the trials and tribulations of her move from a fashionable abode in West London to a damp cottage on the Isle of Wight

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan talks to the author Paul Theroux as he publishes his latest novel set in Hong Kong. Plus a look at an autobiography of the poet R.S. Thomas

4.45 Short Story: Ivan and Welly, by Michael Carney

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Minor Adjustment, by Andy and Eric Merriman. A six-part comedy about a family with a young daughter who has Down's Syndrome. Starring Peter Davison, Samantha Bond and Peter Jones. With Claire Russell and Sarah Merriman (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 File on 4. Topical news and up to the minute features with reporter Jolyon Jenkins

8.00 Science Now. The psychologist Martin Conway presents a look at the latest in brain-scanning techniques (r)

8.30 The Network. In the first of a new series of the programme that explores the information age, Alun Lewis looks at the history and the future of global communications

9.00 In Touch. Peter White with news and features for visually impaired people

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton

10.45 Book at Bedtime: One of Ours, by Willa Cather. Read by Ian Porter (7/12) (r)

11.00 Mediumwave. A review of the week's media events with Vincent Hanna (r)

11.30 A Night with . . Natalie Hodgson. The active 83-year-old talks about the importance of night time in her busy schedule, which includes bee-keeping, lavender farming, water-skiing and gliding (2/6) (r)

12.00 News incl **12.27**am approx Weather

12.30am The Late Book: High Fidelity, by Nick Hornby. Read by Alan Davies (7/10)

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2.** FM 88.0-90.2. **RADIO 3.** FM 90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4.** FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. **RADIO 5 LIVE.** MW 693, 909. **WORLD SERVICE.** MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). **CLASSIC FM.** FM 100-102. **VIRGIN RADIO.** FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. **TALK RADIO.** MW 1053, 1089.

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This thriller was fatally infected with apathy

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

Oh, the power of *drama* to engage the anxieties of an *audience*. "Don't go across that contaminated field!" we may *hiss, curling up on the sofa*. "Don't cut your finger!" "Don't make friends with that loony!" What a shame, then, that last night's *much-trailed* epidemic thriller **Breakout** (BBC1) was so ponderous and unconvincing that it completely by-passed this usual type of audience appeal. "Oh go across there if you must," we yawningly instructed the poor dupes destined to be infected by a superbug. "Yes you, madam. Woman with the woolly hat. Bear right and follow the path. You can't miss it."

Why was *Breakout* so bad? Well, there is a theory about the first (hilariously bad) quarto of *Hamlet* that it was dictated illegally to a printer by the actor who'd played the minor role of Marcellus (the night-watchman). What clinches this theory is that only Marcellus's rather functional lines are delivered fully and ungarbled, while the larger plot of regicide, soliloquy and madness he cheerfully busks. (Act Five comes out something like "Oh, and then there's a swordfight and they all die.")

Were a scholar of the future to conduct the same sort of textual analysis of Michael Stewart's *Breakout*, he would immediately *guess that it was written by a lab* technician, since all the bright-eyed *passion went into lines* such as "Then I extracted the DNA *super-natant (the stuff floating on* the top)" while the larger matters *of suspense and characterisation* were left forlornly to fend for *themselves*.

Basically, there was this lab with *this genetic super-bug, and it* got out. Within the lab, people kept *telling each other things they knew* already: "There is no way a bacular [sic] virus can jump the species barrier!" "Our loan is dependent on approving the pesticide!" "There is an issue of principle here. It's a question of truth and the public's right to know!" Ho hum. It went on like this for an hour and a half. Meanwhile, Neil Dudgeon was insanely miscast as an entrepreneurial boffin, and Samantha Bond wrestled admirably with a *character that had no* history, no interest, and (strangely) *just the one jumper. She found* herself unaccountably attracted to *the ambitious Romanian research* student Stefan (Marius Stanescu) who, of course, decided to kill her when they were alone in the lab at *night. Ho hum again.*

Back in the safety zone of the 1890s and **Bramwell** (ITV), *scientific disagreement* proved it could be a good deal *more arresting. Dr Robert* (David Calder) being now fully enamoured of the rich widow Mrs Costigan (Maureen Beattie), he had his big chance *last* night to impress her with his medical *machismo. He puffed out* his chest and was immoveable. And to be honest, it was rather thrilling.

Mrs Costigan's baby nephew *was suffering from a twisted* intestine — we must operate at once, says Robert. But "No, never!" declares the rich widow, who has personal reasons for abominating the knife. Enter top surgeon Aubrey, who happens likewise to be in love with her. Producing a little rubber hose, Aubrey says grandly he will clear the blockage without surgery, by pumping gas up the child's backside! Robert is alarmed (as is the baby). Both doctors fling slanderous accusations and then lock antlers above the cot, while *Mrs Costigan's pretty blue eyes* fill with boiling tears.

And who is proved right, finally? The poor constipated baby, having *already been (in vain) pumped up* like a balloon, feels the surgeon's blade nevertheless, and is preserved from death by a bit of good *old-fashioned slicing*. "There's a lot of damage been done to the intestinal wall," says Robert, thoughtfully fingering a little red worm hooked around his finger. "But I think we caught it just in *time." His defiance of Mrs* Costigan may have cost him his happiness, but he is a doctor and has saved a life.

But what's this? Mrs Costigan isn't angry with him anyway? "Having fought you so hard," she announces, "I know what you are. And I can think of no one whose judgment I would trust more." So, while the baby (unseen) does a *massive*, blissful pooh in the background, Robert takes Mrs Costigan's hand. "I care for you, Alice," he says, "I care for you very *much." Alice gasps. "And* I thought I'd lost you!"

Some months ago, I posited a *theory about how* East-**Enders** (BBC1) is written, in *an attempt to explain how young* Joe had stopped being mad like a *light being switched off. Did the* production office put little fuzzy-*felt symbols next to each character's name? Did Joe's "Mad" symbol fall off one day and get* sucked up by a vacuum cleaner? It was as good an explanation as any for this merciful release, but how I wish I'd never mentioned it now. Dammit, somebody has found the bit of fuzzy-felt in the vacuum-cleaner bag. They've wiped off the worst of the fluff, and stuck it back on the wall.

So Joe is back to staring weirdly *at people, and talking in paranoid* riddles, and reading *War of the Worlds* with his *mouth open*. But at least this time his usually obtuse *mum Lorraine hasn't failed to* notice. "I saw all the signs, I just *kidded myself," she confessed last* night. Joe invited a load of down-*and-outs into the flat at midnight,* and called them his disciples — *and for once Lorraine didn't look* up at him with those weird wide eyes and say "That's nice, love. You needed some friends."

Perhaps it was Lorraine who knocked that fuzzy-felt off the *board in the first place? I wouldn't* put it past her.

6.00am Business Breakfast (37165)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (70104252)

9.05 Election Call Leader of the Opposition, Tony Blair, answers viewers' questions *Simultaneous broadcast with Radio 4* (9803523)

10.00 Style Challenge (12271)

10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (77523)

11.00 News (T) and weather (4163287)

11.05 The Really Useful Show (9533078)

11.35 Snooker: World Championship Early coverage from the quarter-finals at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre (3795962)

12.35pm Good Living (9140455)

1.00 News (T) and weather (35610)

1.30 Regional News (50787639)

1.45 Neighbours (T) (16337225)

2.10 Snooker: World Championship Live coverage as the quarter-finals take place in Sheffield (4018287)

3.30 Mouse and Mole (9150146) **3.35** Playdays (6454436) **3.55** Arthur (6458252) **4.20** Julia Jekyll and Harriet Hyde (5631504) **4.35** Pirates (7877455)

5.00 Newsround (T) (5528504)

5.10 The Lowdown Profile of a 12-year-old sufferer of the relatively common skin disease vitiligo (8483225)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (913349)

6.00 News (T) and weather (900)

6.30 Regional News (252)

7.00 CHOICE **Holiday: Fasten Your Seatbelt** Jill Dando experiences the travel industry first-hand at Disney World in Florida (T) (9946)

7.30 EastEnders Lorraine is forced to face the shocking truth about Joe, Gita discovers Sanjay has been hiding something and Carol and Alan have cause for celebration at last (T) (436)

8.00 CHOICE **Children's Hospital** The *paediatricians treat a teenager who was badly burned when a prank on a railway line went wrong* (T) (6146)

8.30 Goodnight Sweetheart Groom-to-be Gary begins to have second thoughts as *his wedding to Phoebe draws ever closer* (T) (8981)

9.00 News (T) and weather (962829)

9.50 Party Election Broadcast by the *Conservative Party* (T) (727691)

10.00 The British Academy Awards 1997 *Lenny Henry introduces the star-studded* gala occasion live from London's Royal *Albert Hall as celebrities gather to honour* the best in the worlds of television and film. Famous faces appearing include Michael Caine, Richard Harris, Kate Winslet, Alison Steadman and Stephen Fry. **Subsequent programmes may run late** (61657523) **WALES: 10.00** Week in Week Out Special. Election '97 (397287) **10.40** The British Academy Awards 1997 (28345726) **1.00** *FILM.* Midnight Cowboy (134295) **3.00** News (98678769)

12.15am Midnight Cowboy (1969) John FILM Schlesinger's Oscar-winning drama following the offbeat but touching friendship between a streetwise New York vagrant (Dustin Hoffman) and a naive Texas country boy (Jon Voight) (157450)

2.05 Weather (3671769)

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6.00am Open University: The Thrie Estaitis (2797165) **6.25** Angelica Kauffman, RA *(2709900)* ***6.50*** *The Albert Memorial* (1374977)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (8591078)

7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (4675233) **7.55** Blue Peter (r) (T) (5177707) **8.20** Juniper Jungle (r) (3669726) **8.35** The Raccoons (r) (9395165)

9.00 Study Ireland — History (79981) **9.30** Believe it or Not (2753829) **9.45** Watch (2678184) **10.00** Teletubbies (10813) **10.30** Come Outside (2887691) **10.45** Science Zone (5822287) **11.05** Space Ark (4071252) **11.15** Go for It! (7554287) **11.30** Sportsbank (6368) **12.00** See Hear! (r) (T and signing) (66417)

12.30pm Working Lunch (99287)

1.00 Teaching Today (33252) **1.30** Testament: The Bible in Animation (98558) **2.00** Juniper Jungle (r) (42504875)

2.10 The Village Last in series (15862261) **2.35** A Perfect Arrangement (7280981) **2.40** The Beauty Spot (5062320) **3.00** News (T)(7054252) **3.05** Campaign Roadshow (T) (9364287) **3.55** News (T) (6172436)

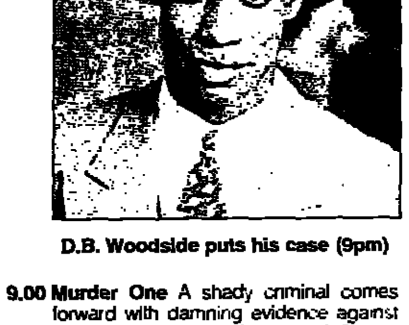
4.00 Snooker: World Championship Further action from this afternoon's quarter-final matches (8559097)

5.15 Racing from Ascot Julian Wilson introduces the ***5.30, 6.00*** and ***6.30*** races (313829)

6.45 Heartbreak High (T) (973788)

7.30 Snooker: World Championship Further coverage of the quarter-finals from the Crucible (96523)

8.30 Food and Drink The best of the 1996 vintage (T) (6523)



D.B. Woodside puts his case (9pm)

9.00 Murder One A shady criminal comes forward with damning evidence against the Mafia Attorney's Wyler and Grasso present their closing arguments and await the jury's verdict in the Sharon Rooney trial Moseley (D.B. Woodside) *maintains his claims of suitability for the* Rickey Latrell case (T) (6504)

10.30 Election Broadcast: Conservative (T) (923436)

10.35 Newsnight (T) (822558)

11.30 Snooker: World Championship David Vine *introduces the closing frames from* the day's quarter-final matches from the Crucible (56349)

12.30am Learning Zone: O.U.: Caught in *Time* (53479) **1.00** Artware Computers in the Arts (43653) **1.30** Evaluating Pre-School Education (82030) **2.00** Stop and Think (36011) **4.00** Teaching and Learning with IT (19769) **4.30** Film Education. A Day in the Life of Goldeneye (31818) **5.00** Inside Europe (73950) **5.30-*6.00*** *Film Education. Production* (77547)

6.00am GMTV (6081900)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (3920523)

9.55 Regional news (2042610)

10.00 The Time, the Place (14639)

10.30 This Morning (61402271)

12.20pm Regional News (4763639)

12.30 News (T) and weather (9136252)

12.54 HTV Crimestoppers (79752349) **12.55** Shortland Street (9144271) **1.25** Home and Away (T) *(64513146)* **1.50** Afternoon Live (99162676) **2.20** Vanessa (T) (14194391) **2.50** Afternoon Live (5319542)

3.20 News (T) (7061542)

3.25 Regional News (7060813)

3.30 Wizadora (r) (6507523) **3.40** Potamus Park (r) (9165078) **3.50** Bimble's Bucket (T) (9154962) **4.00** *Garfield and Friends* (T) (5646436) **4.15** Hey Arnold! (r) (T) (8539894) **4.40** Island (T) (8882894)

5.10 The House Home improvement magazine (1993523)

5.40 News (T) and weather (189455)

6.00 Home and Away *(r) (T)* (697252)

6.25 HTV Weather (943078)

6.30 The West Tonight (T) (953455)

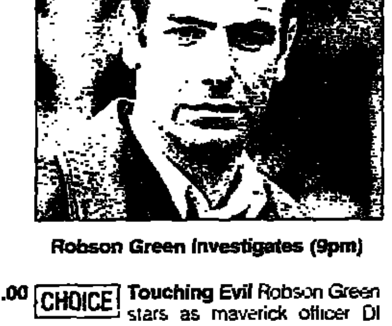
6.55 Election Broadcast: Conservative Party (818558)

7.00 Emmerdale Chris lashes out at Zoe and Betty gives Bill an ultimatum (T) (5894)

7.30 Family Circles: Four Uncles, One Aunty and Me An intimate portrait of 11-year-old Aimee, a first-generation British-born Indian girl whose family where expelled from Uganda, resettled in Bristol and set up the "Sweet Mart" store in Euston (504)

8.00 The Bill Boulton suspects the man behind a hammer attack is someone he *has tried to arrest before* (T) (4542)

8.30 Police, Camera, Action Alastair Stewart *exposes the high-speed antics of* careless motorcyclists(T) (4879)



Robson Green investigates (9pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Touching Evil** Robson Green stars as maverick officer DI *Dave Creegan in the first of three two-part* crime thrillers (T) (1320)

10.00 News (T) and weather (87900)

10.30 Regional News and weather (748287)

10.40 A Cut Above (1989) with Matthew FILM Modine and Daphne Zuniga A working-class medic feels out of place among the monied students and adopts a cavalier approach to his studies that brings him into conflict with his teacher Directed by Thom Eberhardt (88117962)

12.40am Dating the Enemy (7364479) **1.40** Stand and Deliver (3536059) **2.45** The Chart Show (r) (6260214) **3.30** Jones and Jury (92834721) **3.50** Football Extra (r) *(5109634)* ***4.30*** *The Time, the Place (r)* (51672) **5.00** Garden Calendar (73996) **5.30** News (97301)

As HTV West except:

12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9144271)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1993523)

6.25-6.55 Central News (605271)

7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (504)

12.40am Collins Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (9700063)

1.15 Film: Red Wind (1991) A thriller directed by Alan Metzger (584276)

2.55 In Focus (6266498)

3.40 Football Extra (9319030)

4.20 Central Jobfinder '97 *(4551301)*

5.20 Asian Eye (2849363)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

12.20pm-12.30 Illuminations (4763639)

12.55 Home and Away (2448894)

1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (70110894)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1993523)

6.00-6.55 Westcountry Live (580287)

7.30-8.00 Animal Passions (504)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1993523)

6.00-6.55 Meridian Tonight (580287)

7.30-8.00 The Parish (504)

5.00am Freescreen (73996)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:

12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9144271)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1993523)

6.23 Anglia Weather (944707)

6.25-6.55 Anglia News (605271)

7.30-8.00 Homemaker (504)

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Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (20875)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (25233)

9.00 Bewitched (71349)

9.30 Film: Dodsworth (37004469)

11.20 The Hunt (7473368)

11.35 Extreme (3712829)

12.30pm Ricki Lake (11455)

1.00 Slot Meithrin (52346310)

1.15 Pingu (57396815)

1.30 Film: In This Our Life (76244078)

3.20 Fresh Pop (7050436)

3.30 Collectors' Lot (726)

4.00 Fifteen-to-One (233)

4.30 Taste of the Times (417)

5.00 5 Pump *(6900)*

5.30 Countdown (487)

6.00 Newyddion (689368)

6.05 Heno (788558)

6.35 Bob Yn Ddau (950368)

7.00 Pobol y Cwm (430829)

7.25 Glangwili (319726)

8.00 Eryri A'i Chriw (2184)

8.30 Darllediad Etholiadol: Ceidwadwyr (997639)

8.35 Newyddion (812829)

9.05 Etholiad 97 *(131417)*

9.50 Etholiad 97 (585542)

10.05 Brookside (566875)

10.40 Northern Exposure (724962)

11.40 Party Election Broadcast (250423)

11.45 Animation (502252)

12.00 Midnight Special (686547)

1.35am-2.35 Hill Street Blues (4297011)

6.00am Sesame Street (20875)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (25233)

9.00 Bewitched (r) (T) (71349)

9.30 Dodsworth (1936, b/w) with Walter FILM Huston as a wealthy retired industrialist who goes on a European trip with his wife (Ruth Chatterton) and discovers a new meaning to his life Directed by William Wyler (37004469)

11.20 The Hunt A dialogue-free documentary *looking at both sides of the hunting* debate (7473368) **11.35** Extreme (r) (3712829) **12.30pm** Light Lunch (68726) **1.30** Avondale Dogs (22194788)

1.50 Raising the Wind (1961). A comedy FILM about the misadventures of a group of music students being taught under the baton of James Robertson Justice. Directed by Gerald Thomas (T) (42253252)

3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (726) **4.00** Fifteen-to-One (T) *(233)* ***4.30*** *Countdown (T) (417)* **5.00** Ricki Lake (T) (6900) **5.30** Pet Rescue (T) (487)

6.00 Friends Chandler sees Rachel in the buff (r) (T) (610)

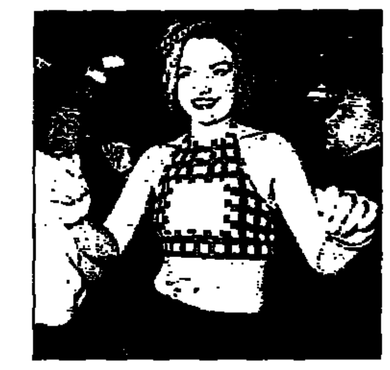
6.30 Friends On his first date for nine years, *Ross bumps into his former wife* (r) (T) (951097)

6.55 Fresh Pop (736900)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (3338)

8.00 The Graceful Art of Success A look at the successful antelopes who avoid being lions' prey *(T) (2184)*

8.30 Brookside Can Max and Susannah's relationship survive the events of recent days? Who is the mystery woman that *Sinbad has met? (T) (1691)*



Single-mother Bonnie (9pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Cutting Edge Special: One Night Stand** Single-mother Bonnie, gay Jean-Yves and professional *bachelor Mark talk about single life in* Britain today (T) (9962)

10.00 Election Broadcast: Labour Party (789691)

10.05 The Good Mother *(1988) with* Diane FILM Keaton. A divorced mother is forced to choose between her lover (Liam Neeson) and her daughter after her former husband accuses the lover of sexually abusing the girl. Directed by Leonard Nimoy (T) (317252)

12.00 Midnight Special with Vincent Hanna (686547)

1.35 Laxdale Hall (1952, b/w) Hebridean FILM villagers v Whitehall in a comedy with *Ronald Squire and Raymond Huntley.* Directed by John Eldridge (7786059)

2.55 *The Ghost Goes West* *(1935, b/w) with* FILM Robert Donat. A comedy about an aristocrat haunted by an ancestor. Directed by Rene Clair (7125769)

4.25 Riders of the Dawn Spanish family saga. English subtitles *(r)* (6216092)

5.30-6.00 Backdate (r) (T) (95943)

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE

Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. **Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz; sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz**

6.00am 5 News Early (7213320)

7.30 Havakazoo (2340078)

8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patrol (2968707)

8.30 WideWorld: Heaven's Delight The Arena Chapel in Padua (2967078)

9.00 Espresso (5030829) **10.00** Exclusive (r) (6275078) **10.30** Hot Property (r) (2970542) **11.00** Leeza (9107726)

11.50 Double Espresso (45764271)

12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Ridge and Brooke are invited to Prince Omar's Palace (2961894)

12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (9845610)

1.00 5 News Update (92875146)

1.05 Sunset Beach (6960320)

2.00 5's Company (2821225)

3.30 If It's Tuesday, It Still Must Be Belgium FILM (1987) with Claude Akins. A comedy following a busload of American tourists on a whistlestop tour of Europe Directed by Bob Sweeney (4855349)

5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (14735455)

5.30 100 Per Cent (1817813)

6.00 Whittle (T) (1814726)

6.30 Family Affairs James devises a plan to *see Charlotte* (T) (1805078)

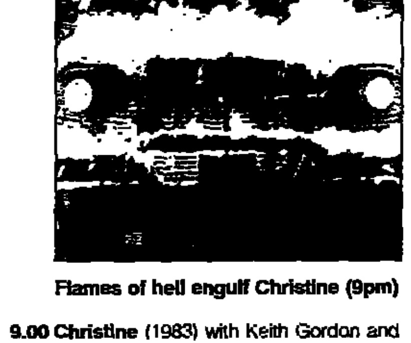
7.00 Exclusive (1715962)

7.30 Wild State A look at the techniques used to study the ferocious alligators of the Florida Everglades *(T) (7002788)*

7.55 Election Broadcast: Conservative Party (5373523)

8.00 Fame and Fortune The lifestyle of the WBC *heavyweight boxing champion* Lennox Lewis (1724610)

8.30 **5 News** (1710417)



Flames of hell engulf Christine (9pm)

9.00 Christine (1983) with Keith Gordon and FILM John Stockwell A horror movie, based on a Stephen King novel about a car that is *possessed by the devil. Directed by John* Carpenter (1328349)

11.00 The Jack Docherty Show (7959731)

11.40 The Comedy Store Clive Anderson, Ben *Elton and Alexei Sayle recall their early* days on the stand-up circuit (2012184)

12.10am Live and Dangerous *Through-the-night sports magazine featuring cover-age of last weekend's IndyCar championship race from Nazareth,* Pennsylvania (18071635)

4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (6037585)

5.30-6.00 100 Per Cent (r) (5915566)

● For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Directory, published on Saturday

SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (127621) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (88356) **10.00** Another World (82542) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (79078) **12.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (52726) **1.00pm** Geraldo (38146) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (35146) **3.00** Jenny Jones (61900) **4.00** Oprah with the Stars (57707) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (7271) **6.00** Real TV (3353) **6.30** *Married — with* Children (4813) **7.00** The Simpsons (8900) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5177) **8.00** Speed! (4320) **8.30** Real TV UK (3455) **9.00** One-Hour Special (80523) **10.00** The Practice (83610) ***11.00*** *Star Trek: The Next Generation* (83271) **12.00** America's Dumbest Criminals (13560) **12.30am** L.A.P.D. (93011) **1.00** Hit Mix Long Play (88742 14)

SKY 2

7.00pm Superboy (4045981) **8.00** Xena: Warrior Princess (1177894) **9.00** Pacific Blue (1260558) **10.00** Malibu Shores (1167417) **11.00** Late Show (6682639) ***12.00*** *Hit Mix (9638235)*

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Bigger Than Life (1956) (26514639) **7.40 Two of a Kind (1983)** (9127097) ***9.10*** **Nine Hours to Rama (1962)** (11073900) **11.15 Night of the Grizzly (1966)** (57218368) **1.00pm Dallas: The Early Years (1986)** (29475078) **3.20 Kid Galahad (1962)** (89057610) **5.00 Downhill Racer (1969)** (12610) **7.00 Little Buddha (1993)** (89455) **9.00 Ghostbusters (1984)** (98542) **11.00 Death Machine (1994)** (58320) **1.00am Sin Compassion (1994)** (94498) **3.00 The Kremlin Letter (1970)** (1121363)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Trail Street (1947) (73164) **7.30 Porco Rosso (1992)** (21138287) **9.10 Connecticut Yankee** (1619078) **10.30 I'll Get By (1950)** (73875) **12.00 One Cooks, the Other Doesn't (1983)** (30691) **2.00pm They Watch (1993)** (72504) **4.00 Porco Rosso (1992)** (7417) **6.00 A Brother's Promise (1996)** (15455) **7.30 Special Feature: Abel Ferrara** (3707) **8.00 Friends at Last (1995)** (97813) **10.00 Wyatt Earp (1994)** (30902894) **1.10am Nostradamus (1995)** (579943) **3.10 Johnny Be Good (1988)** (576498) **4.45 Connecticut Yankee** (4137382)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00am David and Bathsheba (1951) (69156691) **7.55 Brighton Beach Memoirs (1986)** (14291184) **10.00 Platoon (1986)** (64218813) **12.05pm Best Seller (1987)** (9802547) **1.45 Valley of the Dolls (1967)** (88361943) **3.50-5.25 Two Flags West (1950)** (9010924)

TNT

9.00pm Gettysburg (1993) (75520233) **11.30 The Red Badge of Courage (1951)** (79832165) **12.50am San Francisco (1936)** (33195540) **2.50-5.00 The Best House in London (1969)** (41333081)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (29097) **7.30** Wrestling: Blast Off (67833) **8.30** Racing News (12287) ***9.00*** *Sports Centre* (30639) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (49829) **10.00** European Golf: Spanish Open (56165) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (10875) **12.30pm** Ringside Boxing (82368) **2.30** Football: Tartan Extra (4078) ***3.00*** *Australian Rules Football* (12815) **4.59** Sports Centre (1286691) **5.00** Wrestling: Shotgun Challenge (9417) **6.00** Sports Centre (5707) **6.30** *Boxing Special* (2287) **7.00** Live International Football (916558) **10.00** Sports Centre (11504) **10.30** Boxing Special (91146) **11.30** World Pool Masters (93417) **12.30am** Sports Centre (31295) **1.00** NBA *Basketball* (14276) **3.00** International Football (52672) **4.30-5.00** Sports Centre (85270)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Live Table Tennis: *World Championships* (59748962) **6.30pm** World Pool Masters (12385523) **7.30** NBA Basketball (56818233) **9.30-11.30** Table Tennis World Championships (68544155)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Ice Hockey (26900) **8.00** Gymnastics (84271) **9.30** Speedworld (59146) **11.00** Ice Hockey (99707) **11.30** Football (76487) **12.30pm** *Touring Car* (58639) **1.30** Speed Skiing (64184) **2.00** Ice Hockey (17097) **3.30** Football (77829) **4.30** *Motorcycling* (2610) **5.00** *Live Ice Hockey* (819962) **8.00** Live Boxing (57455) **10.00** Touring Car (16962) **11.00** Ice Hockey (81788) **11.30-12.30** Trickshot (11813)

UK GOLD

7.00am Tellystack (1998610) **7.35** Neighbours (5539287) **8.00** Crossroads *(3464504)* ***8.25*** *EastEnders (6805726)* **9.00** The Bill (1437766) **9.30** Don't Wait Up (7356487) **10.00** Robin's Nest (4590320) ***10.30*** *The Sullivans (6788419)* **11.00** Casualty (86693349) **12.05pm** Crossroads (97825392) **12.30** Neighbours (3755423) **1.00** EastEnders (8875523) **1.35** The Les Dawson Show (3955813) **2.20** *The Mistress (9781097)* **2.55** *'Allo 'Allo!* (6031392) **3.30** The Bill (2517707) **4.00** Boon (5371232) **5.00** Larry Grayson's Generation Game (30489726) **6.05** *EastEnders (4393146)* **6.40** Sykes (1108079) **7.20** Russ Abbot (4378707) **7.50** Rising Damp (6490561) **8.20** In Sickness and in Health (8431639) **9.00** The Bill (5377417) **9.30** Casualty (9602894) **10.30** Then Churchill Said to Me (6724875) **11.05** Get Some In! (3155417) **11.40 FILM: Up the Creek** (3673436) **1.05** Private Schulz (9052030) **2.05** *Shopping at Night* (81748450)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Krypton Factor (5017639) **6.30** Catweazle (2956146) **7.00** Classic Coronation Street (4569287) **7.30** Families (4475894) **8.00** Surprise, Surprise (4217707) **9.00** The Professionals (5199287) **10.00** Krypton Factor (2970726) **10.30** *Doctor on the Go (5123872)* **11.00** Within These Walls (7455) **12.30pm** Families (6290691) **1.00** Crown Court (4568558) **1.30** The Good Life Guide (6999962) **2.00** This Year, Next Year (2971455) **3.00** *Upstairs, Downstairs (2666726)* **4.00** Surprise, Surprise (3645232) **5.00** The Professionals (5204981) **6.00** Families (1362441) **6.30** Classic Coronation Street (7667535) **7.00** Surprise, Surprise (2598417) **8.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (2507165) **9.00** Classic Coronation Street (2641417) **9.30** The Comedians (6910455) **10.00-11.00** The Professionals (2597783)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Mouse Tracks (7153320) **6.25** Quack Attack (7172455) **6.50** Bonkers (1664184) **7.15** The Little Mermaid (7020639) **7.40** Aladdin (4074455) **8.05** Quack Pack (1697720) **8.30** Goof Troop (72639) **9.00** The Care Bears (3049962) **9.25** Welcome to Pooh Corner (3002097) ***9.50*** *Muppet Babies (8928707)* **10.15** Groundling Marsh (6888504) **10.40** Sing Me a Story (1893558) **11.05** Poddington Peas (1487813) **11.10** Big Garage (9220184) **11.25** Play Along (2508164) **11.55** Fraggle Rock (5783287) **12.20pm** Timon and Pumbaa (9974436) **12.30** Boy Meets World (5429558) **12.55** Timon and Pumbaa (77113252) **1.05** *Mouse Tracks* (16082287) **1.30** Aladdin (3077252) **2.10** Goof Troop (46200875) **2.35** Bonkers (5059707) **3.00** Quack Attack (1778436) **3.25** Timon and Pumbaa (7787374) **3.35** *The Little Mermaid (3240946)* ***4.00*** *Timon* and Pumbaa (4044707) **4.10** Goof Troop (8860981) **4.35** Quack Pack (9873691) **5.00** Aladdin (4236233) **5.25** Timon and Pumbaa (5562417) **5.35** Mighty Ducks (814639) ***6.00*** *New Doug (5349)* **6.30** Boy Meets World (2829) **7.00** Brotherly Love (5748) **7.30 FILM: Slam Dunk Ernest** (90504) **9.00** Dave's World (24417) **9.30-10.00** Golden Girls (83233)

The Simpsons **featuring Linda and Paul McCartney (Sky One, 7pm)**

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am *Three Little Ghosts (1100691)* **6.30** Inspector Gadget (7636287) **7.00** Samurai Pizza Cats (6666691) **7.30** Power Rangers Zeo (6685726) **8.00** Big Bad Beetleborgs (8004691) **8.30** Crocadoo (8003962) **9.00** Rimba's Island (4435455) **9.20** The Magic Box (7794977) **9.45** Zoobilee Zoo (9497417) **10.05** Rimba's Island (6757726) **10.25** The Magic Box (7349233) **10.55** Adventures of Dodo (84202523) **11.00** Princess Starla and the Jewel Riders (8653078) **11.30** Pinocchio (8664707) **12.00** Inspector Gadget (8014078) ***12.30pm*** *VR Troopers (35160707)* **12.50** Power Rangers Zeo (35173271) **1.10** Big Bad Beetleborgs (30051165) **1.30** Eek! Stravaganza (7979233) **2.00** Life with Louie (4041165) **2.30** Crocadoo (371713 00 Gadget Boy (4053900) **3.30** *Eek! Stravaganza* (3892558) **4.00** Life with Louie (3708165) **4.30** Power Rangers Zeo (3704349) **5.00** Big Bad Beet!032417) **5.30** Spiderman (3891929) **6.00** Goosebumps (3718543) **6.30-7.00** *Sweet Valley High (3709894)*

TCC

6.00am Road to Avonlea (66639) **7.00** Dennis the Menace (13610) **8.00** Batman (73542) **8.30** Art Attack (46239) **9.00** Flash Gordon (69165) **9.30** Bobby's World *(23405)* ***10.00*** *Romuald the Reindeer* (90287) **10.30** Robinson Sucroe (65349) **11.00** Danger Mouse (40455) **11.30** Gravedale High (41184) **12.00** Oscar's Orchestra (52829) **12.30pm** Hallway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (23441) **1.00** By Way of the Stars (23436) **1.30** The Black Beauty (73982) **2.00** The Girl from *Tomorrow (2148)* **2.30** *Ocean Odyssey* (9374) **3.00** Art Attack (4981) **3.30** Flash Gordon (2639) **4.00** Batman (1146) **4.30-*5.00*** *The Big Dish (3558)*

CARTOON NETWORK

Non-stop cartoons from **5.00am** to **9.00pm.** Includes Tom and Jerry, Popeye *and The Flintstones*

NICKELODEON

6.00am Count Duckula (34504) **6.30** Rocko's Modern Life (89981) **7.00** Hey *Arnold! (27639)* ***7.30*** *Rugrats (19766)* **8.00** Doug (11558) **8.30** Arthur (10829) **9.00** CBBC (43252) **10.00** Wimzie's House (70233) **10.30** Babar (27165) **11.00** Magic School Bus (95981) **11.30** Mr Men/King Rollo/Barney/Topsy and Tim/Skylark (96610) **12.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (18417) **12.30pm** Little Bear Stories (41287) **1.00** *CBBC (66542)* **2.00** *The Wubbulous World* of Dr Seuss (3900) **2.30** Kissyfur (5320) **3.00** Alvin and the Chipmunks (6707) **3.30** Bruno the Kid (7165) **4.00** *Jumanji (9900)* **4.30** Rugrats (5184) **5.00** Sister Sister (1252) **5.30** Moesha (6436) **6.00** Press Gang (3349) **6.30-7.00** Doug (3959)

TROUBLE

12.00 Heartbreak High (6705748) **1.00pm** *Madison (4490788)* **1.30 Sweet Valley High** (6800392) **2.00** Hangtime (3935146) **2.30** California Dreams (2603558) **3.00** Byker Grove (3947981) **3.30** 9-2-5 (2502875) **4.00** Sweet Valley High (2514610) **4.30** *Hangtime (2510894)* **5.00** Saved by the Bell (3959726) **5.30** California Dreams (2501146) **6.00** Byker Grove (2604287) **6.30** Madison (2522639) ***7.00-8.00*** Heartbreak High (9802184)

BRAVO

8.00pm The New Twilight Zone (3948610) **8.30** The New Twilight0(3934417) **9.00** Monsters (5395813) **9.30** Monsters (5355207) **10.00** Tour of Duty (9801455) **11.00 FILM: Blondes Have More Guns** (9475946) **1.00am** Starsky and Hutch (4681160) **2.00** *Tour of Duty (9683769)* ***3.00*** **FILM: Surf Nazis Must Die** (4168943) **5.00** The New Twilight Zone (5541194)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Entertainment UK (8788) **7.30** Roseanne (6813) **8.00** Roseanne (7436) **8.30** Monty Python (8271) **9.00** Cheers (82417) **9.30** Cybill (58523) **10.00** Frasier (19146) **10.30** Garry Shandling (28894) ***11.00*** *Club Class (87962)* ***11.30*** *Nightstand* (97287) **12.30am** Carnal Knowledge (14383) **1.30** Cybill (34030) **2.00** Entertainment UK (47189) **2.30** *Club Class (59924)* **3.00** Frasier (82189) **3.3-4.00** It's Garry Shandling (40276)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

8.00pm *Tenchi Muyo (7903900)* **8.30** The *Twilight Zone (7999707)* **9.00** Cornicane (1989097) **9.30 FILM: Dune** (46933829) **12.45am** *The World of Anime* (9340585) **1.00** The Twilight Zone (1169301) **1.30** Tales of the Unexpected (3873547) **2.00** Friday the 13th (6337450) **3.00** Dark Shadows (1156837) **3.30-4.00** Dark Shadows (5977837)

HOME & LEISURE

9.00am The Joy of Painting (3237748) **9.30** Garden Calendar (9155469) **10.00** The *Great Gardening Plot* (4538962) **10.30** Doing it Up (7037900) **11.00** The Painted House (5388523) **11.30** This Old House *(5389252)* ***12.00*** *Yan Can Cook (3332392)* **12.30pm** Graham Kerr (5555405) **1.00** Today's Gourmet (4496962) **1.30** Home Again with Bob Vila (6905946) **2.00** Hometime (3931320) **2.30** Furniture to Go *(2503504)* ***3.00*** *Two's Country Cooking* (3950455) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (2515349)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm *Rex Hunt (2527184)* **4.30** *Road-show* (2523368) **5.00** Terra X (3955900) **5.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (2507320) **6.00** Wildlife (2504233) **6.30** The Global Family (2528813) **7.00** Beyond 2000 *(3942436)* ***7.30*** *Disaster (2524097)* **8.00** Origins (9891078) **9.00** Extreme Machines (9804542) **10.00** Discovery Signature: After the Warming (9987829) **11.00** Dangerous Seas (4413639) **12.00** Classic Wheels *(5446540)* ***1.00am*** *Disaster (1394943)* **1.30-2.00** Beyond 2000 (7275568)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Ancient Mysteries (1983813) **5.00** *Diary of the Last Heroes (7993523)* ***6.00*** Okinawa: The Final Battle (4747928) **7.00-8.00** Biography: Geronimo (4588829)

CHALLENGE TV

Win with **Prize Time** twice an hour.

5.05pm Blockbusters (7135225) **5.50** Family Fortunes (995558) **6.30** Catchphrase (202368) **7.05** Sale of the Century (164894) **7.40** Give Us A Clue (334726) **8.20** All *Clued Up* (287504) **9.00** Through the Keyhole (794982) **9.35** Busman's Holiday (944271) **10.05** Treasure Hunt (599558) ***11.20*** *Love at First Sight* (268146) **12.00** Sale of the Century (83160) **12.30am** Family Late: Hart to Hart (52547) **1.30** ***FILM: I'll Be Home for Christmas*** (23363) **3.30** My Two Dads (71160) **4.00** The Fall Guy (27585) **5.00** HSN Direct Shopping (7141194)

UK LIVING

6.00am Tiny Living (35523829) **9.05** A Woman Called Smith (5574523) **9.15** The *Gordon Elliott Show (6007078)* **10.05** Jerry Springer Uncut (7966455) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (6202707) **11.50** Brookside (2587349) **12.25pm** Why Me? Real Life Case Studies (99277392) **12.55** *Tempest (8140320)* **1.40** Rolonda (8486271) **2.30** The Agony Experience (9937097) **3.00** Live at Three (26527523) **4.05** The Jerry Springer Show (9314962) **5.05** Lingo (79194691) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (9931813) **6.00** I Dream of Jeannie (3089504) **6.35** Ready, Steady, Cook (2485349) **7.05** Hearts Afire (1313184) ***7.35*** *Brookside (2039639)* ***8.05*** *Rolonda* (5909829) **9.00 FILM: Broken Pledges** (8976320) **11.00-12.00** The Spicy Sex Files (2318271)

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Cronje displays skills to make Irish eyes smile

By Michael Henderson

DUBLIN (Middlesex won toss): Middlesex need 148 runs in 17.4 overs to beat Ireland

IRELAND have lost their previous nine matches in the Benson and Hedges Cup but today they will surely defeat Middlesex, twice winners of the competition, if first they can beat the weather. Middlesex were in the wars last night, when rain drove the players from the field for the fourth and last time, and they must bat uncommonly well today just to avoid the embarrassment of a heavy defeat.

Replying to a formidable total of 281 for four, Ireland's best score against a county side, Middlesex lost six wickets for 134 before the weather cut short a wet and windy day at 6.50pm. Mike Gatting and Mark Ramprakash are both out, and there is only the tail to come. Neither rain nor wind could dampen the spirits of Ireland's cricketers, and the crowd at the Clontarf ground.

Predictably, the strongest performance came from their guest professional. Hansie Cronje, the captain of South Africa, is being paid £20,000 for his appearances in this competition and victory today will go some way towards justifying that investment. He made 94 rasping runs, not out, from 82 balls and then took the wickets of Wellings and Ramprakash with his medium-pacers to remind Middlesex that he is one of the best players in the world at this form of cricket.

Andrew Patterson batted well with him at the end and earlier there was a superb innings of 75 by Decker Curry, a left-handed opener of real style. "Don't miss him," somebody familiar with his clean-hitting ways said. "It might not last long, but it will be worth watching." He gave Angus Fraser the charge immediately and was not too respectful to the others, making his runs from 93 balls with two sixes and nine fours.

Brown's high five 52
Ealham's six appeal 53

Simon Cook, taken on the Middlesex staff after showing promise in Oxfordshire club cricket, found Curry's blade too broad altogether. His first six overs went for 49 and twice he watched good-length balls disappear into neighbouring gardens. Some of the senior Middlesex players found this amusing, but they weren't laughing when Cronje and Justin Benson, the former Leicester all-rounder who captains Ireland, reduced them to penury in the evening..

Curry works in a Derry abattoir, but it wouldn't be fair to make too many jokes about his occupation. There is strength in his strokeplay, sure, but there is more to it than that. The first six, which cleared the shorter boundary at long on by at least 30 yards, was effected by a lovely clean swing of the bat and depended for its certainty on the most wonderful timing.

When he was set fair for a century, he tried to run Weekes to third man and chopped the ball on to the wicket. Who knows how a man like that would fare in professional cricket? He plays lots of shots, and would certainly give county bowlers a chance, but by making his runs quickly he would provide great entertainment — rather more than some familiar names that spring to mind.

Effectively he had prepared the stage for Cronje, who dominated the later stages of the innings. In no time at all he was working the ball into gaps for comfortable runs and when the charge had to be made towards the end he ensured that Ireland could set a challenging target. He clobbered three sixes, one pulled, the other two hit straight and fierce, including a premeditated hit off the last ball of the innings.

Where Ireland had set off like trains, Middlesex began more discreetly, and soon lost wickets they needed to keep in hand. They could survive the loss of Weekes and Wellings but when Ramprakash was leg-before, and Gatting chipped a slower ball back to Benson, there was no disguising the trouble they found themselves in. Pooley played on, and Dutch was stumped. To win from this position would be a mighty effort.

Far more likely is that Ireland will win and on their performance yesterday, they thoroughly deserve to. This is not the strongest Middlesex side but amateurs must still play uncommonly well to beat professionals. What a pity for Ireland that they could not defeat Scotland last month in the ICC Trophy tournament in Kuala Lumpur. Victory today will bring some sort of compensation.

DUBLIN SCOREBOARD

IRELAND

J D Curry b Weekes	75
W K McCallan c Brown b Fraser	17
D A Lewis b Tufnell	34
W J Cronje not out	94
*J D R Benson b Hewitt	20
†A Patterson not out	24
Extras (lb 10, w 3, nb 4)	17
Total (4 wkts, 50 overs)	281

A R Dunlop, D Heasley, P G Gillespie, G L Mollins and P McCrum did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-72, 2-117, 3-165, 4-234

BOWLING: Fraser 10-3-34-1; Cook 9-0-71-0; Hewitt 10-0-53-1; Weekes 10-0-47-1, Tufnell 6-0-37-1; Dutch 5-0-29-0

Umpires: J W Holder and A A Jones.

MIDDLESEX

P N Weekes c Gillespie b Heasley	24
P E Wellings lbw b Cronje	23
M R Ramprakash lbw b Cronje	34
*M W Gatting c and b Benson	23
J C Pooley b Benson	11
†K R Brown not out	2
K P Dutch st Patterson b Mollins	1
Extras (lb 10, w 6)	16
Total (6 wkts, 32.2 overs)	134

J P Hewitt, A R C Fraser, P C R Tufnell and S J Cook to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-69, 3-104, 4-126, 5-133, 6-134.

BOWLING: Gillespie 6-0-22-0; McCrum 6-0-21-0; Heasley 5-0-23-1; Cronje 7-0-33-2; Mollins 5 2-0-15-1; Benson 3-0-10-2

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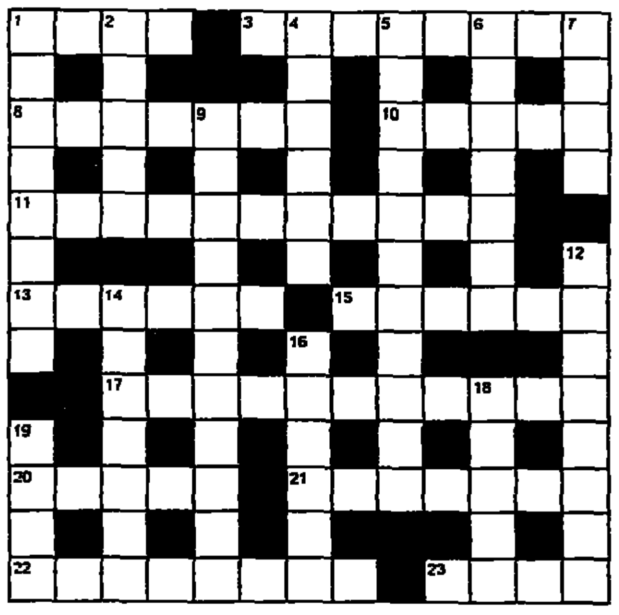

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- 3 Relinquish post (4,4)
- 8 Fairly large (7)
- 10 Twist (eg nose) sharply (5)
- 11 Her face *launch'd a thousand ships (Marlowe)* (5,2,4)
- 13 Deracinate (6)
- 15 Of newly-wed woman (6)
- 17 Income after deductions (4-4,3)
- 20 Farewell (5)
- 21 *Rice-in-stock dish* (7)
- 22 Elderly relatives (8)
- 23 Song for congregation (4)

DOWN
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- 2 Cut gem face; a retaining rim (5)
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- 6 Such a man king, in Country of Blind (*Wells*) (3-4)
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Georgia will not have a ghost of a chance if Shearer, pictured yesterday, is on top of his game for England tomorrow. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Hoddle wary of Kinkladze's threat

By Oliver Holt
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

GLENN HODDLE, the England coach, wheeled out the heavy artillery at Bisham Abbey yesterday and put on an explosive show of footballing firepower. As the penultimate training session for the World Cup qualifying tie against Georgia tomorrow came to an end, Hoddle emphasised again the message that he has been hammering home since the end of last week: England must win.

At one end of the pitch, Hoddle stood with his back to goal, facing away from a row of metal outlines that were supposed to be men in a defensive wall. Beside him, a select group of dead-ball experts were being put through their paces. In goal, Tim Flowers looked like a man who had stumbled into a giant coconut shy.

They went through a variety of routines, each taking his turn to shoot. First, it was David Beckham, with his special boots, curling his efforts unerringly over the grey shapes in his way. Next, it was Graeme Le Saux, the least accurate of the four, then Alan Shearer and Teddy Sheringham, who left Flowers hopelessly beaten time after time.

At the other end, John Gorman, Hoddle's assistant, was orchestrating proceedings, rolling the ball in rotation to two lines of players who lashed them back at David Seaman. Ian Wright was particularly deadly, Robbie Fowler smashed several left-foot bullets low into the net to raucous cheers all around.

It was routine stuff, perhaps, the usual non-tactical display that happens towards the end of the session once the media have been allowed in; but it was symbolic, nevertheless, a sign that the shadow-boxing is over now and that the headlong dash for points in the pursuit of qualification for the World Cup finals in France next year has well and truly begun.

After their defeat by Italy at Wembley in February, England now need to win every remaining game to have a chance of fulfilling Hoddle's stated ambition of qualifying automatically from group two. With a tough tie against Poland in Katowice looming at the end of next month, it is especially critical that no points are dropped tomorrow night against the technically accomplished Georgians.

English ambassador 50
Shilton falls short 50

The early omens are good. In contrast to the mass withdrawals that preceded the match against Mexico last month, Hoddle has almost a full squad to choose from. He is deprived only of Ian Walker, the Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper, who has been ruled out with an Achilles problem. For the first time in his reign as England coach, Hoddle will be able to pair Sheringham and Shearer, too.

"All of the qualifying matches are bigger than cup finals," Hoddle said. "Every game is massive and we have got to be positive. We have got to go out there and assert our game on to them. We have got to ask them the questions and see if they can handle it."

Hoddle is also aware of the attacking threat posed by the Georgia. Hamstrung by an uneven pitch that hampered their neat passing game in Tbilisi, Georgia, led by Georgi Kinkladze, the Manchester City playmaker, are likely to revel in the open spaces of Wembley, if England give them a chance.

Hoddle admitted that he is considering man-marking Kinkladze, but said that he had reservations about sacrificing a player to that task. Almost simultaneously, David Batty, so impressive against Georgia in Tbilisi last autumn, where he and Paul Ince hunted the opposition down and stopped them from playing, said that he would relish the task of cancelling out someone of Kinkladze's ability.

"I'd rather win a tackle than score a goal," Batty said. "I've got a poor scoring record, but that has not really bothered me. It's why a lot of attacking players don't like playing in my position. Attacking and goalscoring is the easy part of the game, but I enjoy the other part as much.

"Everything that is said about Kinkladze is true. He is a world-class player. He has proved it in England, week in, week out, because he is always Manchester City's top player. We limited his chances on the ball in Georgia, but Wembley's a different proposition, a big pitch and nice turf. Flair players like him are always going to get the headlines, but I'm quite happy to keep doing the job I do. I've always enjoyed winning the ball."

Hamilton fails to topple Parrott

By Phil Yates

ANTHONY HAMILTON'S 414 unanswered points, a Crucible Theatre record, and three century breaks failed to prevent John Parrott from claiming a place in the quarter-finals of the Embassy world snooker championship in Sheffield yesterday.

Parrott, the champion six years ago and the only player other than Stephen Hendry to lift the trophy during the 1990s, recovered from 4-0 down to record a 13-11 victory. Entering the concluding session trailing 9-7, Hamilton won the seventeenth frame with a 121 break and, from 9-11, levelled at 11-11 with equally fluent runs of 129 amd 68. It was then that Parrott benefited from another of the positive responses to adversity that characterised his overall display.

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He made a 133 total clearance to lead 12-11 and, utilising his far greater experience, did not allow Hamilton to pot a ball in what proved to be the last frame of the match. Hamilton, who beat Jimmy White in the first round, has now lost in the last 16 of nine world-ranking tournaments without ever going farther.

"It was like this when I won here in 1991," Parrott, who now faces Stephen Lee or James Wattana, said. "I didn't have a particularly good season then either, but I was fresh, like I am now, and maybe that's a good omen."

John Higgins, who defeated Parrott in the final of the European Open last month, all but guaranteed that he will be the quarter-final opposition for Ken Doherty by establishing a 12-4 lead over Dominic Dale with another exhibition of quiet efficiency.

In pulling away from 6-2 to 12-2, Higgins stole one frame on the blue, another on the pink and included breaks of 63, 98 and 76. Dale took the match into its scheduled third session by winning the closing two frames of the afternoon, but the conclusion that he was merely delaying the inevitable was inescapable.

The morning after inflicting the heaviest defeat suffered by Steve Davis at the Crucible since the six-times champion made his debut in 1978, Doherty was to be found practising hard in the bowels of the building. He won the Regal Scottish Masters in 1993 and 1994, the Regal Welsh Open in 1993 and will defend his European League title next month, but, since turning professional seven years ago, he has never produced the sustained excellence that enabled him to beat Davis 13-3 with a session to spare. "To do that kind of thing on centre stage has given me a tremendous lift," Doherty, 27, said. "If I keep up the standard against Steve, I'll be hard to beat."

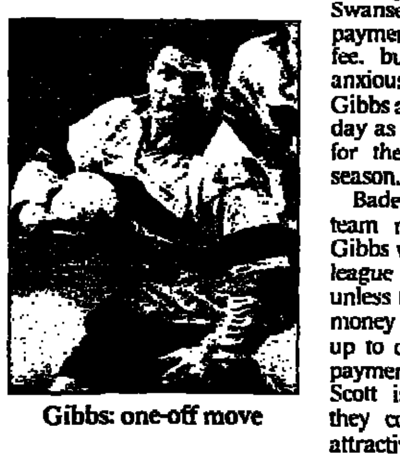
Wattana looked likely to join Doherty in the last eight when he built a 10-6 lead over Lee, despite losing one frame through a mental abberation. In the fifteenth frame, the Thai carelessly lashed at the blue when Lee required a snooker. It shot off two cushions, kissed the black into a middle pocket and Lee sank the last three colours.

Gibbs loan rests on final payment

By Christopher Irvine

SCOTT GIBBS is seeking a temporary release from his rugby union contract with Swansea to make a one-off appearance for St Helens, his former rugby league club, in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final against Bradford Bulls on Saturday.

Should Swansea grant his request, Shaun McRae, the St Helens coach, confirmed that Gibbs might be selected for Wembley, where he was a member of the winning side last year, three months before he left to rejoin Swansea in a £250,000 deal. "As it stands, he's not yet been given permission by his club, but if he is, he'll be considered for selection," McRae said.



Gibbs: one-off move

Gibbs apparently approached St Helens last week about playing in the final after Alan Hunte, Gibbs's replacement at centre this season, suffered a hamstring tear. Hunte has not yet been ruled out of the final, but his chances appear slim. Andy Haigh and Vila Matautia are alternatives for the right centre position, but Gibbs would be an obvious first choice, despite not having played rugby league since last July.

"It would be a tall order just to turn out on Saturday without training with them, but a couple of days would enable me to settle back in without a problem," Gibbs said. He played in the Swalec Cup final for Swansea on Saturday and leaves on the British Isles tour to South Africa next month.

When St Helens sold Gibbs back to Swansea, the club kept his rugby league registration. Swansea would receive a payment and Gibbs a match fee, but the Welsh club is anxious not to be without Gibbs against Neath on Saturday as they seek qualification for the Heineken Cup next season.

Baden Evans, the Swansea team manager, said: "Scott Gibbs won't be playing rugby league this, or any weekend, unless there is a large sum of money involved. We are still up to date with our transfer payments to St Helens and Scott is our player. Unless they come up with a very attractive deal, he is not available for hire."

Wembley, on November 1, Old Trafford (November 8) and Elland Road (November 16) are confirmed as the international venues for the seven-match tour by Australia this autumn. An extra incentive for clubs finishing in the top three of the Stones Super League will be a home fixture against the touring team. In addition, London Broncos are guaranteed a tour match and, should they finish in the top three, the fourth-placed side will be given a fixture.

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Poll's feuding descendants trigger memories of historic assassination

The cause was Europe, the outcome deadly. **Damian Whitworth** finds strange resonances between 1812 and today

IN THE drowsy villages around Sandringham, the general election campaign has been enlivened by talk of assassination. The monarch, it should be said at once, is not at risk. But in her backyard a political feud is being fought that resonates with the history of a bloody episode in British political life.

In 1812 Spencer Perceval, the only British Prime Minister to be assassinated, was shot on his way to a committee meeting in the Commons by John Bellingham, a disgruntled merchant. Now a descendant of the assassin, Henry Bellingham, finds himself up against a Percival determined to terminate *his* political career, albeit by the ballot box rather than by any more dramatic method.

Roger Spencer Percival, whose family somewhere along the line apparently replaced an "e" with an "i", claims kinship with the former Whig Prime Minister. He is standing for the Referendum Party against Mr Bellingham, who has held the seat of Norfolk North-West since 1983.

Then, as now, the sticking point was Europe. John Bellingham lost a fortune on the Continent when he was imprisoned in Russia and he took violently against Perceval when he refused to support the merchant's claim for false imprisonment. Bellingham pleaded insanity after the killing but was hanged.

Henry Bellingham says that he is unimpressed by the historical link. "It is a little nuance of the campaign which is perfectly harmless. Roger Percival doesn't strike me as a descendant of a prime minister. But then I don't look like an assassin. John Bellingham was a wayward member of the family."

It is true that Mr Percival does not have the appearance of a ruthless political hitman. But while his belief that he will win the seat outright may be a little optimistic, he may just do for Mr Bellingham by taking enough votes to help Labour to sneak in and capture the seat.

Mr Bellingham has a notional majority of a little more than 11,000 over Labour but the Referendum Party has a high profile in the constituency and he knows that he has a fight on his hands. He has responded by saying in his election address that he wants a referendum on the wider issue of Europe and not just on the single currency, to which he is hostile.

Out canvassing in villages close to the Queen's estate yesterday, he skipped swiftly between doorsteps undeterred by heavy showers. When he stopped for lunch in the Rose and Crown in Harpley, he worked his way through a pile of personal letters to constituents who had been discovered by canvassers to be leaning towards the Referendum Party.

Mr Percival's kinship with the former Prime Minister is unclear. The link cannot be traced through the pages of *Burke* or *Debrett*. "But my father was called Spencer Percival and it is a name that has come down through the family. I am sure there is a connection."

What is clear is that the fight for this seat will stop only just short of pistols at dawn on the Queen's lawn. Henry Bellingham, who has proved himself a crack shot on local sporting estates, is confining himself to shooting from the lip and appealing for those wavering towards the Referendum Party to see reason.

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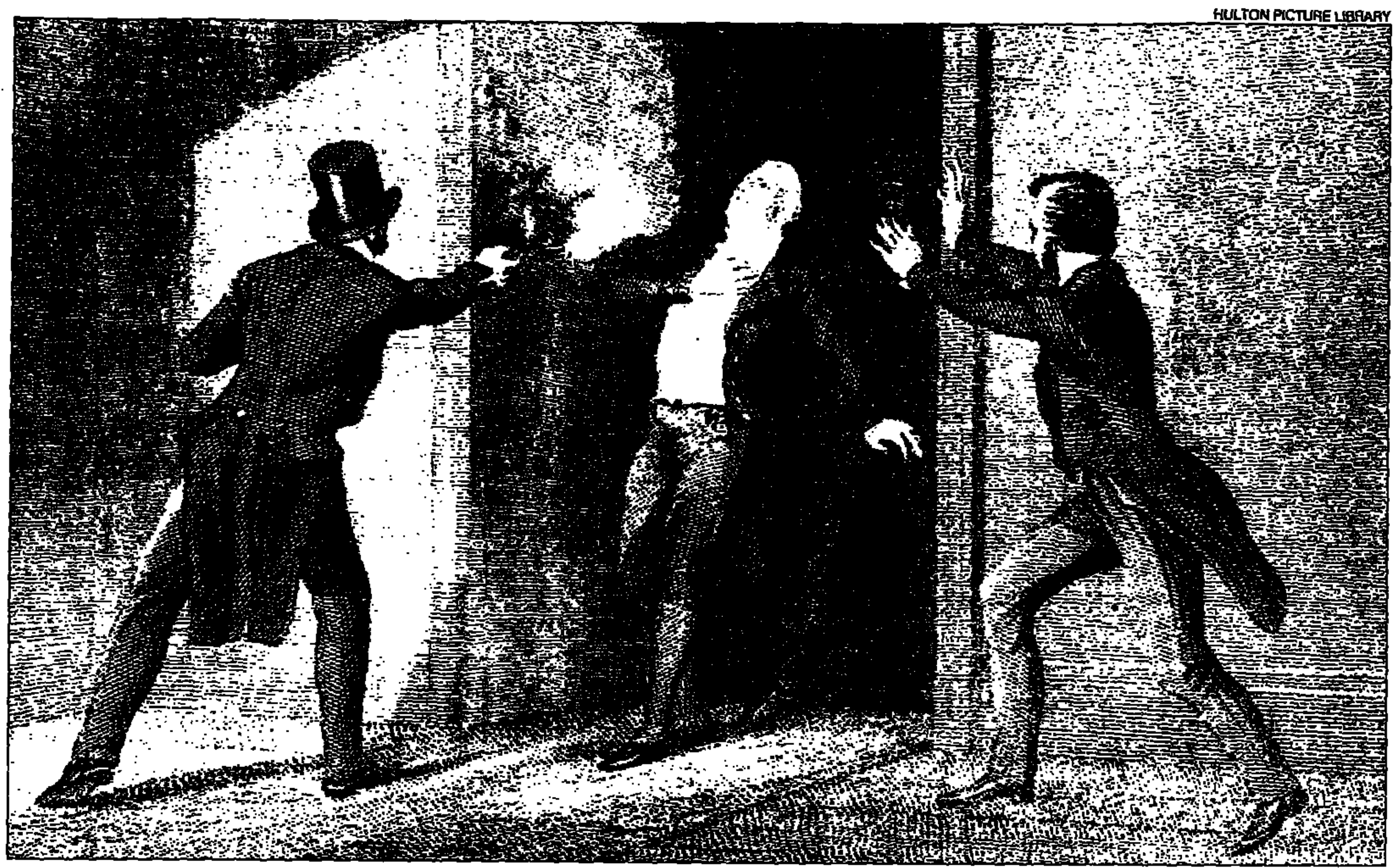

The murder of Spencer Perceval on his way to a committee at the Palace of Westminster in 1812, as conceived by a contemporary engraver. Below from left: the killer John Bellingham; Henry Bellingham, with his strong family likeness; Prime Minister Perceval; Roger Percival

Seventies TV icon joins Bell campaign

By Carol Midgley

MARTIN BELL enlisted the support of a 1970s pin-up yesterday to boost his campaign to take Tatton from Neil Hamilton. David Soul, the blond half of the gun-toting television detectives Starsky and Hutch, posed for photographs with Mr Bell at a cocktail party held in Mr Bell's honour.

The two men have been "dinner companions" since they met in Hampstead several years ago when Soul was visiting London. Soul made a one-day trip to Tatton to show his support for Mr Bell's anti-corruption stance, joining a list of celebrities including Sir Alec Guinness, who donated £100 to his campaign, and the playwright Alan Bennett. Soul said: "I'm delighted to come and help Martin."

Mr Bell, a former BBC war correspondent, forecast that Mr Hamilton's 22,000 majority would be dramatically cut.

TATTON

"I think it is going to be extremely close."

Mr Hamilton has been asked by a senior member of his Conservative Association to pledge his resignation if found guilty by Sir Gordon Downey. Yesterday, in an open letter made available by the Bell campaign office, the senior association member said that most people in Tatton would feel able to vote Conservative if Mr Hamilton undertook to resign as MP if the Downey report found him guilty of wrongdoing or dishonourable conduct, or he was he was criticised by the tax authorities.

But Mr Bell said: "What we have from Mr Hamilton instead is a pledge only that he will resign his seat if guilty of bribery or corruption or if the Conservative whip is permanently withdrawn.

"Does this mean that, if elected, he will keep his seat if Downey finds he has acted dishonourably or he is guilty of wrongdoing or that he is criticised by the tax commissioners? I think that the people of Tatton are entitled to the answer to that."

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Tories expect to regain ground lost in English shires

By Ian Murray, Community Correspondent

WHATEVER the parties' prospects in the general election, the Conservatives expect to do well in the county council polls that also take place on Thursday and Labour and the Liberal Democrats are resigned to losing ground.

The Tories can scarcely do worse than in 1993, when the county councils were last contested. A year after winning the general election they were already deeply unpopular. Many of their traditional supporters stayed at home, and the turnout was 5 per cent below the norm.

They lost control of 13 counties and were left in charge of only one, Buckinghamshire. In Surrey and Cheshire they formed a coalition with the Liberal Democrats but everywhere else they were forced into opposition, sometimes for the first time.

The Liberal Democrats, who captured Somerset from the Tories and won an overall majority in Cornwall, benefited most. They became the largest party in nine counties and formed coalitions with Labour to control eight others, having a say in the running of 19 of 35 councils. Labour won overall control of seven.

Because this year's county poll is being held on the same day as the general election, the turnout will be at least double the 35 per cent of 1993. High turnouts in the shires tend to benefit the Conservatives.

Local government reorganisation is also favouring the Tories; since 1993 large urban areas in many counties have been carved out to create all-purpose unitary authorities. This means that these predominantly Labour or Liberal Democrat areas will no longer be part of the county, and power will shift back to the traditionally Conservative rural areas. However, the Conservatives have little hope of any success in the elections for councils to run the 19 new unitaries. The Tories have failed to win control of any of the unitary authorities set up so far.

LOCAL ELECTIONS

The Tories' other problem has been in finding candidates for the unitaries. They are fighting only 84 per cent of these 1,014 seats, compared with 97 per cent being contested by Labour.

Elections for the unitary authorities will create shadow councils whose job will be to prepare the area for transfer to the new status from next April. Running local affairs in them will remain with the county until then so councillors for these areas will not stand for election now but will continue to sit on the shire authority for a further year. They will then step down leaving a smaller council with only those elected this time in charge.

Paul White, a Conservative county councillor from Essex who is masterminding the party's local campaign, insists that the mood in the shires is changing. "The counties have always been our heartland," he says. "People were disillusioned and apathetic four years ago, but the general election debate has focused attention on what is at stake. The last election resulted in so many hung councils and that is a terrible way of trying to run things. Alliances between Labour and the Liberal Democrats have resulted in debt and muddle everywhere and after that experience people will want a clear result and return to the fold."

Howard Sykes, who runs the Liberal Democrats' local council organisation from Hebden Bridge, west Yorkshire, expects that up to 10 per cent of those voting for Labour or the Tories in the general election will back his party at local level. "People will vote locally for us with their hearts and nationally pick the party they think will best protect their wallets," he says. "We have been campaigning hard for this local election for over 12 months because we knew when it was coming long before we knew the date of the general election. We are ready, organised and popular."

Steve Bulloch, a former leader of Lewisham council in south London, is in charge of the Labour campaign. "Realistically we cannot do as well as we did in 1993 when we won the most seats of any party. We are largely making this a single campaign with the general election, telling people that if they need to have Labour in power locally if they want to put national policy into practice," he says.

COUNTY COUNCILS

Current control:

Labour: Derbyshire, Durham, Lancashire, Northamptonshire, Northumberland, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire.

Liberal Democrat: Cornwall, Somerset.

Conservative: Buckinghamshire.

No overall control: Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Cumbria, Devon, East Sussex, Essex, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, North Yorkshire, Oxfordshire, Shropshire, Suffolk, Surrey, Warwickshire, West Sussex, Wiltshire, Worcestershire.

UNITARY AUTHORITIES

Current control:

Labour: Blackburn, Blackpool, Bracknell Forest, Halton, Medway, Nottingham, Peterborough, Plymouth, Reading, Slough, The Wrekin, Thurrock, Warrington.

Liberal Democrat: Newbury, Torbay, Windsor and Maidenhead, Wokingham.

No overall control: Hereford, Southend-on-Sea.

Midget Gems: the parties are arguing over who has best taken up the cause of the manufacturer

Life is sweet for rival candidates when local issue is a little gem

A key marginal is chewing over action on a sales ban, **Adrian Lee** reports

A HUMBLE sweet named the Midget Gem has demonstrated that no issue is too small for politicians who want to get their teeth into local issues in a key marginal constituency.

In an argument worthy of a *Yes Minister* script, a French ban on the confectionery has resulted in Labour and the Conservatives squabbling over who can claim credit for taking up the cause of the local manufacturer.

The Chambers Candy Co, which employs 23 people in Halesowen, West Midlands, had been selling the little gums to the French for several years. The ban was imposed in February because the product contains gelatine, a beef product. The firm, whose gelatine is actually from Brazil, says that it wrote to Labour and the Conservatives seeking help.

Sylvia Heal, the Labour parliamentary candidate, then wrote to Simon Murphy, Labour MEP for Midlands West, who said he wrote to European Commissioners in March. However, the Conservative candidate John Kennedy has twice visited the company's headquarters in recent weeks, and tasted every flavour of Midget Gem.

Simon Murphy, left, wrote to the EC and says that John Kennedy, right, is a "Johnny come lately"

Mr Murphy is now accusing the Conservative candidate of hijacking the issue for the election. He said: "He is a little late in the day, a Johnny come lately to this."

Mr Kennedy said: "He may have written first, but the point is that he has been ignored. If he wants to say he got involved first, I am happy. This sort of thing makes politicians look daft."

Both reject suggestions that the election campaign has anything to do with their enthusiasm to save the sweet. The new seat of Halesowen and Rowley Regis is Britain's third most marginal, with a notional Conservative majority of 125 over Labour.

Midget Gems are manufactured by at least six companies, retailing at up to £2 a tin, and exported to 40 countries, including Australia and the Far East. The French order is worth about £10,000. Chambers Candy also deals in toffee, butterscotch and coated coffee beans. The French are its second-best customers after the Americans.

As the wrangling continues, the company has taken its own measures. Until the ban is overturned, it is substituting chocolate-covered blueberry raisins for the Midget Gems. If the new line proves successful, politicians' efforts may be for nothing.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Manifesto appears in Ulster Scots

The Democratic Unionist Party has published its election manifesto in Ulster Scots, a dialect combining English with smatterings of Scottish Gaelic.

The manifesto, *Democracie — Wi'oot nae Dublin owerance* (Democracy — Not Dublin Rule), declares: "Ulster folks haes a muckle clood hingin abune us aa, like as we hinnae seen afore. The British an Dublin Governments haes cum thegither tae mak a Yin-Cleekit Airlann agin the hairt-set o the Ulster-British folk." Or, put briefly: there is a Dublin-London conspiracy to create a united Ireland against the wishes of the Unionists.

Mushy peas vote

The Liberal Democrat candidate in Peter Mandelson's constituency has taken out a full-page advertisement in the *Hartlepool Mail* claiming that his opponent is out of touch with tastes in the town. It pictures a bowl of mushy peas, which he allegedly once mistook for avocado mousse.

Bearing up

Thirty life-size teddy bears marched through London to call at the three main party headquarters, campaigning for "the Teddy Bear Alliance". Its candidate, Edward Bear, is standing in Kensington and Chelsea. The campaign for "honey for all" is funded by a TV comedy channel.

ELECTION TRAIL

Conservatives: Malcolm Rifkind, Michael Forsyth, Ian Lang in Scotland; Virginia Bottomley in the Midlands; Peter Lilley in the South; Kenneth Clarke in Yorkshire; Patrick Mayhew in the West.

Labour: John Prescott in Yorkshire and the North West; Gordon Brown in London; Jack Straw in Plymouth and Exeter; Robin Cook in the North West; Harriet Harman in Southampton; Chris Smith in Scotland; David Blunkett in Wales.

Liberal Democrats: Paddy Ashdown in the West Country; Shirley Williams in Devon and Cornwall; Peter Thurnham in Sheffield.

On screen
Party Election Broadcast by the Conservative Party: ITV 6.55pm, C5 7.55pm, BBC1 9.50pm, C4 10.00pm, BBC2 10.30pm. *Election Call* with Tony Blair (BBC1 & Radio 4 9.05am).

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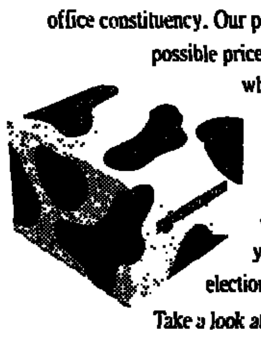

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Confident Kohl insists Britain will join EMU

From Roger Boyes in Bonn

HELMUT KOHL, the German Chancellor, has offered a tentative olive branch to the future British Government and said he was certain that Britain would eventually join economic and monetary union (EMU).

The German leader's optimism about Britain's policy towards Europe after the elections was not matched by high expectations for the Amsterdam summit. If that failed, he told an audience in Bad Homburg, "there will simply have to be a *Maastricht III* or a Maastricht IV".

The German political class seems to be positioning itself for a change of power in Britain. Officials said yesterday they were expecting a visit to Bonn soon of Robin Cook, now the Shadow Foreign Secretary. Mr Cook was quoted in an interview in *Focus* magazine saying that Anglo-German relations would thrive more in a "sensible, structured and efficient union" than in a loose association of nation states.

Political commentators in Bonn attached more weight to the Chancellor's comments on Britain than on Mr Cook's view of Germany. The German leader shrugged off the Conservative Party's poster depicting him as a ventriloquist, with Tony Blair as his dummy. "Every country's history has to be treated with respect," he said. Germany was ready and duty bound to allow other countries to take a longer route to an integrated Europe. No doors would be shut in anybody's face. "Europe without Great Britain is a mere torso," he said. "When the euro comes, Britain will one day be part of it."

The Chancellor indicated that he was determined to push ahead with his goal of a politically integrated Europe. "1997 is the key year for Europe. If it is not possible to build the house now, it will not happen in ten or 15 years either. The process of European unification must be and remain irreversible."

In the same speech, delivered under the umbrella of the influential Herbert Quandt Foundation, the Chancellor underlined that Germany would resist any move to delay the introduction of a single European currency beyond the deadline of January 1, 1999. The German leader has been given flanking support by the International Monetary Fund, which also warned at the weekend that delay would derail the whole EMU project.

The reason for this apparent hardening — at a time when Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, is still arguing that "convergence dictates the timetable" of EMU — is the need to strengthen the spine of pro-European politicians in the French parliamentary elections.

A report in *Der Spiegel* nonetheless claims that the German Government is preparing to fudge its figures to comply with the key Maastricht criterion for entry to EMU, the ceiling of 3 per cent of gross domestic product for public deficits.

The magazine, trying to explain why the independent forecast for the 1997 deficit is 3.2 per cent (rather than 3.5 per cent as predicted last autumn) argues that the German Treasury is staggering debt repayment in such a way that lower interest is being paid in 1997, the decisive year for EMU entry.

LEIGH WINBURN / REUTER

Relatives and friends in Port Arthur's historic church at yesterday's memorial service for the 35 killed a year ago

Australia pays homage to massacre victims

Sydney: Thousands marked the first anniversary of the Port Arthur massacre yesterday with a minute's silence throughout Australia and candle-lit ceremonies (Roger Maynard writes). Flags were flown at half mast to pay tribute to the 35 people killed in the country's worst civilian shooting, when Martin Bryant ran amok with a semi-automatic rifle. Several hundred relatives and friends of the victims attended a memorial service at the massacre site. Neil Noye, the Mayor, said: "What happened is beyond our understanding." Among the mourners was Walter Mikac, whose wife and two daughters were shot dead by Bryant. He wrote on a wreath to his six-year-old daughter, Alannah: "To my darling Lani, I can still hear your voice and smell your hair." Hours earlier, it emerged that Bryant, 29, who is serving a life sentence in Risdon top security prison in Hobart, had tried to commit suicide for the third time. The Australian Government said 400,000 firearms had been handed over after the massacre, with compensation of nearly £100 million paid to gun owners.

Maoris on warpath over the Spice Girls

From Pattrick Smellie in Wellington

FOR the Spice Girls it was just a bit of fun. But for the guardians of Maori culture, their attempt at the best-known Maori *haka* (war dance) in a holiday resort on Bali was offensive.

Egged on by two New Zealanders among a hundred fans and journalists at a special promotion in the Indonesian resort at the weekend, the group performed the *Ka Mate*, a *haka* made famous by the All Blacks.

"It's a bloody disgrace," said Willie Jackson, an Auckland *haka* expert who manages a local answer to the Spice Girls called Moana and the Moa-Hunters. "The Spice Girls are on dangerous ground," he added.

Sir Timoti Karetu, New Zealand's *haka* expert, was also not amused by "girlie pop stars" performing a dance normally reserved for men.

However Bart Cools, their manager, countered: "The girls absolutely did not mean to mock Maori culture."

WORLD SUMMARY

Journalists 'damaging' Hong Kong

Hong Kong: Businessmen here yesterday condemned the foreign press for "biased" reporting during the run-up to the handover to China, and blamed international journalists in the territory for causing hotel, tourist and retail businesses to decline badly (Jonathan Mirsky writes).

At the first meeting of Advance Hong Kong, attended by about 100 people, European and Japanese journalists were accused of suggesting that the colony was "doomed".

Belgium setback

Mons: The investigation into a serial killer who has cut up the bodies of up to five women suffered a setback when a Belgian court ruled there was insufficient evidence to keep a suspect in jail. But an appeal by the prosecutor means that the man, 33, will stay in jail for two more weeks. The discovery of a head led to the identification of one victim as Nathalie Godart, a former girlfriend. *(AP)*

Activists jailed

Jakarta: *Budiman Sudjatmiko*, 27, the leader of the left-wing Indonesian People's Democratic Party and eight party associates were convicted of subversion and jailed for between 18 months and 13 years. They pledged to continue fighting for democracy from their cells, and called for a boycott of the general election called for May 29.

Korea suicide

Seoul: A former banker, Park Suk Tae, 59, questioned by a parliamentary committee over a bribery scandal that rocked the Government, was found hanged at his home, police said. The scandal centres on the collapse of Hanbo Steel Industry, South Korea's second largest steelmaker. *(AP)*

Wife savers

Dubai: Two wives of a Saudi man suffering from renal disease competed to donate a kidney to save their husband. The donor was chosen by drawing lots, said a Saudi newspaper. *(Reuter)*

French Socialist pact 'will hit euro'

From Adam Sage in Paris

LIONEL JOSPIN, the French Socialist leader, will today seek an electoral pact with the Communist Party, despite warnings that it could prevent France from joining Europe's single currency.

At a meeting today, M Jospin will tell Robert Hue, his Communist counterpart, that he would accept Communist ministers in his government if he were to win next month's parliamentary elections. The move has added a further dimension to French divisions over Europe.

M Jospin has paved the way for today's meeting by promising Keynesian policies that would make it difficult for France to meet the criteria for entry into the single currency. He says he is in favour of the euro, but only if he is able to implement measures that would raise the public deficit above the 3 per cent limit imposed on countries wanting to enter economic and monetary union.

His stance has encouraged his left-wing allies but angered Socialists loyal to the late President Mitterrand, who was one of the architects of the 1992 Maastricht treaty.

M Jospin's critics say he could not hope to persuade Germany to loosen the criteria for monetary union, leaving his government with a difficult choice. Either it would have to ignore its pledge to cut the working week, reduce salaries and create 700,000 jobs for young people, or it would have to abandon the single currency.

The Socialist leader believes, however, that he can tap into the Euroscepticism that has been fuelled by successive austerity budgets designed to cut the French deficit. On Sunday, he said: "This country could not stand it, economically and socially, if it were necessary to impose more austerity to fulfil the Maastricht criteria."

Electoral mathematics have added to his doubts on Maastricht. Although the Left stands to win almost as many as many votes as the ruling parties of the Centre-Right, it will still fall short of a majority in the National Assembly, according to two opinion polls published yesterday.

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Aid workers find thousands of Hutu refugees

By Sam Kiley, Africa Correspondent, and Our Foreign Staff

THOUSANDS of exhausted and dehydrated Rwandan Hutu refugees were reported to have emerged from thick forest in Zaire yesterday, about 30 miles south of Kisangani, a rebel-held town.

On Monday Laurent Kabila, the leader of the rebel Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire, gave the United Nations 60 days to find more than 100,000 Rwandan Hutu refugees who had fled temporary camps in eastern Zaire after they were attacked by Zairean villagers. Relief workers said yesterday that they had found between 5,000 and 10,000 refugees.

"This is very good news. We have a train fully loaded with 115 tonnes of food which we will dispatch to them tomorrow," said Michelle Quintaglie, a spokeswoman for the UN World Food Programme.

The United States yesterday stepped up diplomatic pressure on President Mobutu and Mr Kabila to meet and agree a ceasefire, by sending Washington's UN Ambassador to Kinshasa with a letter from President Clinton to the Zairean leader.

US State Department officials declined to reveal what the letter said, but they hinted that it was a polite request for Mr Mobutu, 66, to meet Mr Kabila and negotiate his own departure from power. Last month the State Department said Mr Mobutu's 32-year rule was "history", a view backed by France, Britain and influential members of the congressional black caucus. The arrival in Kinshasa yesterday of Bill Richardson, the ambassador, came at a vital time when Mr Kabila's reputation as a revolutionary hero and a man who respects human rights appeared to be badly tarnished.

Mr Richardson is expected to meet Mr Mobutu soon and the rebel leader tomorrow. Diplomatic sources in Kinshasa said that the American envoy was expected to deliver a harsh rebuke from Washington to Mr Kabila for his alleged indifference to the plight of the Hutu refugees in eastern Zaire.

Many of the refugees are killers who participated in the genocide of a million Tutsis and Hutu moderates in Rwanda three years ago. They have been using civilians as a shield against the Tutsi-dominated rebel soldiers.

Aid workers have been dismayed at the rebels' refusal to allow help to reach thousands of small children now dying of starvation and exhaustion after seven months of trekking through the jungle.

The desperate state of the refugees, whom the UN hopes to fly home to Rwanda in the world's biggest humanitarian airlift, has strained Mr Kabila's relationship with Western supporters, who have seen him as a credible alternative to Mr Mobutu's three decades of thieving rule.

"Kabila is now very vulnerable to diplomatic pressure," one European diplomat said in Kinshasa. "That means his advance might be slowed down and a political solution found instead of what he has been threatening, a bloody battle for Kinshasa."

The rebels have been widely accused of killing Hutus in eastern Zaire, but so far no credible evidence has been presented for the allegations.

Children abducted

From Peter Capella in Geneva

FIFTY malnourished refugee children were abducted in a rebel-held area of eastern Zaire when a group of Laurent Kabila's soldiers stormed a paediatric hospital, the United Nations Children's Fund reported yesterday.

Patrick McCormick, a Unicef spokesman in Geneva, said 20 armed men in military uniform forced their way into the hospital run jointly with Save the Children, the British charity, at Lwiro, near the Rwandan border, on Saturday. All the children there were taken away in a lorry.

"One of the staff recognised the leader of the attack as the leader of a local Alliance military detachment," Mr McCormick said. The Zairean rebel unit was based at Katana, the next village on the road north to Goma, according to a Unicef official. Two local nurses and a woman employee were beaten up and the soldiers fired shots in the air, apparently to intimidate adult Rwandan refugees.

Mr McCormick added that some of the soldiers berated Zairean hospital staff for "caring for our enemies". Unicef said it had no idea where the children were. An official protest was made to Laurent Kabila's Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire, and international agencies set up an inquiry.

Investigators from the UN's human rights centre are due to arrive this week to investigate allegations that rebels killed many Rwandan refugees from camps near Bukavu and Goma at the start of their offensive last November.

NESHAN H. NALTCHAYAN / REUTER

President Clinton meets Ellen DeGeneres, right, the actress who recently announced that she is a lesbian, and her girlfriend Anne Heche

White House embraces lesbian celebrities

From Quentin Letts in New York

IN WHAT is fast becoming "lesbian week" in the United States, a television star and her newly-declared girlfriend embraced and stood with theirs arms around each other when they were presented to President Clinton.

Mr Clinton, who is, if anything, a president for all minorities, smiled broadly and did everything he could to encourage Ellen DeGeneres and her lover, Anne Heche. The couple met the President at a Washington dinner at which, arguably, they and Mr Clinton vied for top billing.

In the past, to meet the President was to stand to attention, straighten one's collar, and remind oneself to call the fellow "sir". Ms DeGeneres and her girlfriend showed that this has been replaced by a new protocol. The television star gave a passionate squeeze to the waist of Ms Heche, who in turngave a sisterly stroke to her lover's shoulder. They might have been Siamese twins. Mr Clinton's reaction was to laugh and smile.

Ms DeGeneres, 39, will tomorrow become the first prime time television comedy star whose character "comes out" as a lesbian. She recently did the same in real life, and has announced her love for Ms Heche, 29, a film actress.

Tomorrow's episode of the *Ellen* show on the ABC network has created extraordinary excitement in gay circles. Hundreds of private "come out with Ellen" parties are being organised across the United States, and in countries as far flung as Finland and Japan. A group called the "Human Rights Campaign" has sent out 2,600 party kits to applicants. They include gay rights trivia questions, a promotional video, and exhortations from prominent lesbians.

There have been a few dissenting voices — in Alabama, for instance, a local ABC franchisee is refusing to broadcast the show — but public reaction to the episode has generally been accommodating and has, according to gay advocates, shown just how "in vogue" sapphic love suddenly is.

The women have been described as courageous to have declared their sexuality, but Bill Kristol of the conservative *Weekly Standard* commented that real courage in America these days is to "out" oneself as a right-wing opponent of partial birth abortion or, he might have added, as an adherent to the two martini lunch.

In the matter of a week, Ms Heche has become one of the most photographed women in America. The only problem for her, according to Hollywood sources, will come when she next wants to be cast in a film. Until now she has been regarded as a reliable love interest — as in heterosexual love.

She is now so recognisable as a "celebrity lesbian" that audiences may have difficulty suspending their disbelief were she to be cast in a "straight" role.

Kennedy 'scandal suppressed'

By Quentin Letts

THERE are indications that the latest apparent scandal to hit the Kennedy family may be smothered by the American East Coast establishment.

Michael Kennedy, 39, a son of the assassinated Robert Kennedy, faces allegations that he had sex with an underage babysitter. The girl, now 19, is the daughter of a Democratic party backer who was previously close to the Kennedys.

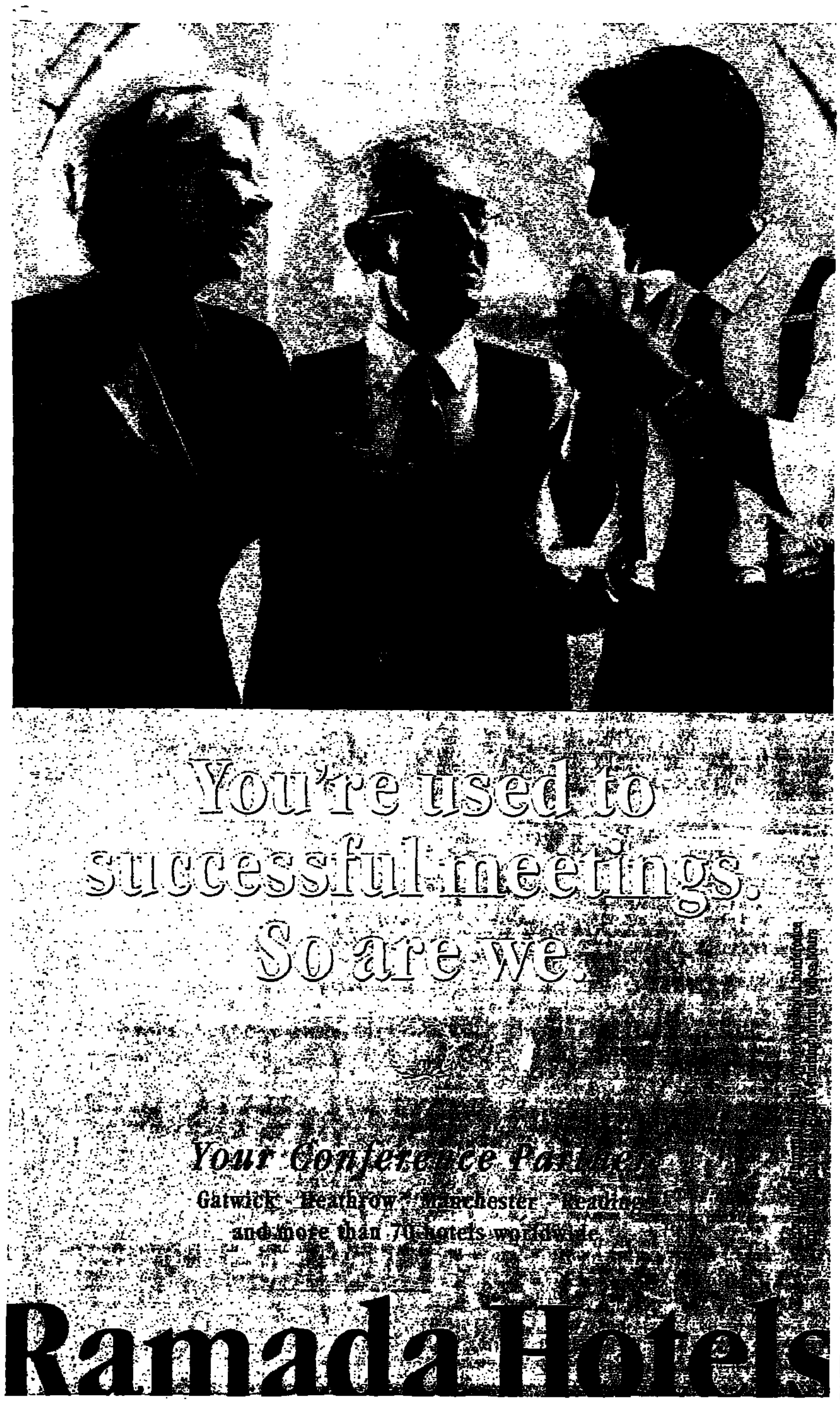
Simultaneously, Mr Kennedy and his wife Victoria have announced that they are separating after 16 years of marriage. Mrs Kennedy is alleged to have found her husband having sex with the girl.

Not that one would know it from reading *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times*, or from watching the main network television channels, which have largely ignored the story. Local prosecutors said that they would mount a "preliminary review" of the case, an unusual and imprecise legal term. Preliminary "investigation" would be more usual.

Brian Noonan, the police chief in Cohasset, Massachusetts, said that he feared the District Attorney and the girl's family would sit on the case, owing to the wealth and influence of Mr Kennedy.

"The Fix is In" noted a headline in the *New York Post*, which also quoted a Cohasset resident who said: "If it was me, I'd be behind bars. Do the Kennedys ever get convicted?"

Jeffrey Locke, District Attorney for Norfolk County, where the alleged incident took place, said that it "could be an hour, could be a year" before anything further about the case was announced.



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'Republic of Texas' goes to war

By Giles Whittell

ARMED Texan separatists were holed up in a remote mountain stronghold 75 miles north of the Mexican border yesterday, surrounded by more than 100 police.

The homemade army of a group calling itself the Republic of Texas released two hostages late on Sunday but remained "at war" with state and federal agents, demanding a referendum on Texan independence.

"We are at war with the United Nations and all foreign entities," Richard McLaren, self-styled ambassador of the Republic of Texas, told *The New York Times*. "We are not at war with the American people, but we are at war with the federal agencies which have no jurisdiction here."

The latest clash between the US establishment and the volatile paramilitary fringe began with a dawn raid on neighbours Joe and Margaret Rowe who had reportedly helped local police to arrest a separatist on weapons charges. The Rowes were freed in exchange for Robert Scheidt, the jailed separatist, after Mr Rowe was wounded when shots were fired.

Mr McLaren, an amateur historian who cultivates a wild-haired "mad professor" look, claims that Texas was illegally annexed in 1845 after nine years as an independent republic. He insists that his tiny organisation, based in a shack in the Davis Mountains 220 miles southeast of El Paso, is the state's legitimate government.

For the separatists nothing less than the fate of Texas is at stake. As far as their neighbours are concerned, however, they are nuisances who have inflated a historical anomaly into a dangerous game of make-believe.

Pentagon to enforce ban on adultery in military

From Tom Rhodes in Washington

THE Pentagon is introducing a strict code of morality to America's armed services, cracking down on adultery and other crimes of the heart in the wake of numerous embarrassing sex scandals.

American defence chiefs, who have had to deal with continuing allegations of rape at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland and the enduring legacy of Tailhook, when female pilots were sexually harassed at a Las Vegas fighter crew convention in 1991, are attempting to introduce a greater level of moral discipline in the forces.

An increasing number of service personnel are facing charges for love affairs that in civilian life would never be deemed criminal. In the most celebrated case, Lieutenant-Colonel Karen Tew, 41, of the US Air Force, was tried earlier this year and found guilty of committing adultery with an enlisted man. Barely a year short of retirement, she was dismissed, losing her pension and all accrued benefits.

"She traded the honour of wearing the military uniform for lust," said the court martial prosecutor. "And she traded her ability to act as an effective leader in a position of authority for sexual intercourse." Five days later Colonel Tew committed suicide.

In the air force, the number tried for adultery has more than quadrupled in the past decade — from 16 in 1987 to 67 last year. The majority have been found guilty and punished. Cases often include charges of sodomy if there is a suggestion of oral sex, and fraternisation if the romance involves an officer and an enlisted person.

Although the acts have been forbidden under America's Uniform Code of Military Justice for more than 200 years, the Pentagon is now said to be pursuing charges with an unprecedented zeal. Next month Lieutenant Kelly Flinn, America's first female bomber pilot, will be tried for adultery at Minot base in North Dakota. She had an affair with a civilian who has stated under oath that he lied to her, claiming to be legally separated from his wife. She is also charged with fraternisation for having sex with an unmarried enlisted man who has been granted immunity to testify. "The Air Force is going back to the Dark Ages," said Frank Spinner, the retired lieutenant-colonel defending her.

Captain Byron James, a Pentagon official, said yesterday that commanders usually tried to end improper relationships without permanent harm to careers and rarely was anyone tried solely for adultery. "But disobeying a lawful order has wide-ranging ramifications on a military unit," he said. "An individual can't pick and chose which orders to follow."

☐ **British code**: The British Army has a strict "military ethos" covering all types of sexual and social behaviour (Michael Evans writes). Adultery is considered likely to prejudice the position of an individual and may bring the Army into disrepute.

Under discipline and standards guidelines currently under review, adultery "within the military community" is regarded as potentially the most serious form of social misconduct.

Affairs between officers and non-commissioned officers are judged to be unacceptable because of the risk of undermining the Army's carefully defined hierarchical structure.

Under the review, accepted standards on adultery are likely to be brought more into line with civilian life.

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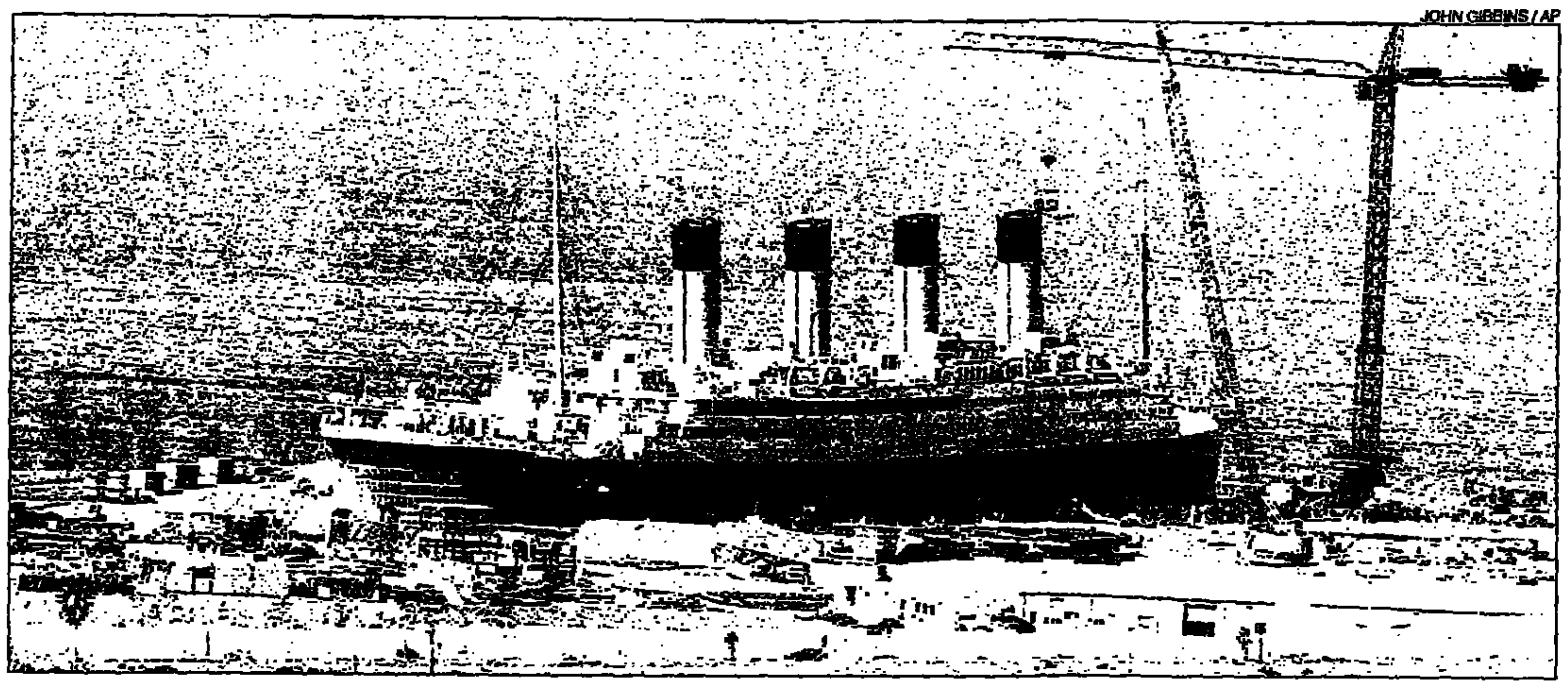

A 775ft model of *Titanic* on the Mexican Pacific coast, which James Cameron is using to film his action blockbuster turned romance

Hollywood has sinking feeling over $200m epic

From Giles Whittell in Los Angeles

Winslet: went through a punishing schedule

IN THE spring of 1912 the *Titanic* sank in a disaster matched only by the ship's epic scale and frightening cost. Eighty-five years on, a film attempting to re-create that fateful night is months behind schedule, up to $90 million (£55 million) over budget and battling to avoid a similar fate.

With a budget now put at $200 million, *Titanic*, starring Kate Winslet, the British actress, as a Philadelphia heiress, is the most expensive film in history and is taking so long to complete that its original release date is expected to be pushed back from July 4 until late summer.

The film, jointly financed by Paramount Pictures and 20th Century Fox, was shot mainly on a 775ft replica of the doomed liner on the Pacific coast in northern Mexico, and was conceived by its backers as an action blockbuster on the scale of last year's *Independence Day*. Instead James Cameron, the director, has reportedly set his heart on a sweeping love story in the tradition of *Dr Zhivago*, raising the stakes on a tense project and fuelling rumours that the postponement of its release may have been deliberate.

The two studios were expecting an out-and-out thriller, one industry source told *Daily Variety*. "What they got was a romancer. Cameron is very proud of this film. For Oscar consideration he might want to push the release as far as he can towards the end of the year."

Reports of the *Titanic* rescheduling have sent a ripple effect through other studios' plans for the summer as executives scramble to book opening weekends for their films in a season that promises to be Hollywood's most expensive ever: at least 15 releases with total budgets each ballooning over $100 million are due out over the next ten weeks.

"There's never been a marketplace in the history of the movie business to support all these big movies," Peter Chernin of News Corporation, 20th Century Fox's owner, told *The New York Times*. "Every studio is terrified." One industry analyst said simply: "There's going to be blood on the floor."

Sebastian Silva, the film's first assistant director, said of a production apparently driven by Mr Cameron's perfectionism and short temper: "The fault of the movie was its sheer size. Sometimes I'd find some of the 1,000 extras sleeping under the ship."

Ms Winslet, who endured the most punishing hours of the entire cast, admitted to the *Los Angeles Times*: "It was hard to concentrate when [Mr Cameron] was losing it and shouting and screaming." She added: "You'd have to pay me a lot of money to work with Jim again", later apologising for the remark.

Titanic will have to break most box office records to be considered a success. *Raise the Titanic!*, made by Lord Grade in 1980, was a box office disaster, costing $40 million and taking just $7 million.

Chrétien seeks millennium mandate in snap Canada poll

From Richard Cleroux in Ottawa

JEAN CHRÉTIEN, the Canadian Prime Minister, confident of victory in the snap election he has called for June, yesterday headed home to his St Maurice constituency in Quebec, where a crowd of 500 cheered and nominated him. "The time has come to offer real choice about what kind of society we want for the 21st century," he said as he launched his campaign.

The ruling Liberals appear comfortable enough, with showings of 45 per cent of the vote in several opinion polls — 25 points ahead of their nearest rivals.

The election, set for June 2, comes 17 months early and 42 months after the last, in 1993. Mr Chrétien's critics are saying that he has no real reason to go to the people except to be re-elected before prospects worsen in the autumn. The 295-member House of Commons has been expanded to 301 seats and the campaign reduced from 47 days to 36.

The once-mighty Conservatives, the right-wing western-based Reform Party, the left-wing New Democrats and the separatist, Quebec-based Bloc Québécois are all grouped at between 10 and 20 per cent in the polls.

Gilles Duceppe, the separatist leader who bears the title of Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, launched his campaign in Montreal as a dry run for the next referendum on Quebec separation. The Bloc hopes to hold its 50 seats. Jean Charest, the Tory leader, lauched a high-profile campaign to return his party to former glory. In the last election it lost power and all but two of its 174 seats. Mr Charest believes it has finally put the past behind it and promises to protect health, education and social programmes and give everyone a 10 per cent income tax cut.

Unemployment, which has stubbornly stayed above 9 per cent for 72 consecutive months, remains the Liberals' Achilles' heel. Their main strength is the booming economy. They cut the federal deficit by two thirds from $C42 billion (£18.3 billion) to $C13 billion a year, the lowest of any major industrial country. Inflation is, at 2 per cent, among the lowest in the world.

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No big deal: teenagers play down the dangers of drugs, parents often exaggerate them. Both have a lot to learn

'If kids want to experiment, then they will'

DRUGS

Attitudes to illegal substances estrange parents from children as never before. But the gap can be bridged, says **Grace Bradberry**

How much should children be told about drugs? This question has dominated the drugs education debate for ten years.

Many professionals feel they should be given as much information as possible, to *allow them to make choices. But lots of* parents do not want their children to make a choice: they want them to be told categorically that drugs kill. Any more information might simply "put ideas" into their heads.

Yet according to research carried out by Kaleidoscope, a drugs project in Kingston upon Thames, the ideas are already there. A study of 10, 11 and 12-year-olds at a state primary school and an independent school *revealed a startlingly detailed* knowledge of the drug scene.

When a ten-year-old boy asks "do all LSD tablets have pictures on them?" and "are magic mushrooms as dangerous as Ecstasy?" followed by "how do you know if they are pure?" it becomes clear that primary school children now view themselves not just as curious spectators but as potential consumers.

But Sally Murray, Kaleidoscope's training manager, discovered that along with this knowledge, "the children also came up with some inaccurate things, which was worrying. *Aside from the survey,* we did have an instance that a 13-year-old took what he thought was cannabis but was actually LSD and was very, very ill. That's staggering. What was going on in his drug education?"

But if parents might realistically expect their 13-year-old to have been taught the *difference between LSD and cannabis,* they themselves will not have been so privileged. Never before has the gap in knowledge between parents and children been so great.

Ms Murray says that many parents she meets have read reports that 50 per cent of children experiment with drugs, and are *terrified. "If you're in the know, you're a* bit gobsmacked that people think two drags on a spliff equals using cocaine and hard drugs.

"We feel strongly that if you're going to have drug education in schools, you need to support that by giving the parents accurate knowledge so that the subject is not taboo in the home.

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"Of course young people have a right to their privacy, but parents need to be able to explore the subject too. If they're *frightened, that emotion can get in the* way of a decent discussion. Everybody gets into a screaming row and that polarises things further."

Ms Murray is now spending more and more time with parents' groups: "We get out there and say what is actually going on. We say teenagers may experiment but *if we can keep them safe, the majority* will grow out of it."

But not everyone can attend such a group — or would want to. Now Alain Cass, a former executive at the *Financial Times* and a Kaleidoscope volunteer, has launched a magazine called *The Scope,* aimed partly at parents. The first issue *includes first-person* accounts by young people who have been helped by Kaleidoscope, but it also includes insights into the "scene" generally and provides lists of useful addresses and helpline numbers.

Mr Cass's own children are now 21 and 24, and both "managed to avoid the problem". His brother, however, who was 15 years younger, died of Aids two years ago. "When he was in his late teens he'd got into drugs and shared a needle.

"Perhaps, had there been more information and less fear about the problem, what happened might have been avoided."

Reading the case of the alarmingly well-informed ten-year-old, he hopes that parents will think, "Gosh, do children really know this kind of thing at the age of 10? Perhaps I should talk to my children."

The aim is not to make parents feel inadequate: "The thing about children is that we always imagine we know what they're thinking, but most of the time we don't.

"That isn't a reflection on us as bad parents — it's just that parents and children live in different worlds.

"We're trying to give an authentic feel of what it's *like to be drawn into the* culture. We're also providing a language that parents can use in talking to their children.

"I think that information is neutral. But I think how you use the information can be dangerous or can be beneficial. It depends entirely on how you present the *information."*

Many parents will still feel, however, that it should be presented in the most alarming way possible — the Leah Betts posters strike just the right tone. But are shock tactics the most effective ones to take?

Mr Cass is not convinced. "I sympathise and understand what Leah Betts's parents are going through," he says, choosing his words carefully. "But I think you have to move on from there.

"We need to look at a way of helping children to make lifesaving choices without appearing to condone what can undoubtedly be a dangerous habit.

"But you can't stop people from doing what they want to do. If kids want to take drugs, they will. The question is how are you going to cope with that reality."

● *For more information on* The Scope, *contact Kaleidoscope, 40-46 Cromwell Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT2 6BR.*

The war in the playground

EDUCATING THE YOUNG

Every morning before school, Liz Paver has to ensure her playground is clear of discarded syringes. The daily ritual at Intake Primary School in Doncaster, south Yorkshire, is repeated in playgrounds across the country.

"Most primary schools have one of these now," says Mrs Paver, picking up a yellow box marked *Destroy by incineration: contaminated sharps.* "Playgrounds have always attracted young people in the evenings and we have to warn our children not to pick up anything ," she says.

Mrs Paver, vice-president of the National Association of Head Teachers, is under no illusion that the widespread availability of drugs puts all children at risk. Last September, a five-year-old from Grantham, Lincolnshire, had to be tested for the Aids virus *and Hepatitis B after he* stabbed himself in the hands with discarded dirty needles.

The national curriculum made schools reconsider their approach when it dictated in 1989 that all children should learn about drugs. "We talk to children about their bodies and tell them that if they abuse their body, bad things will happen," says Mrs Paver.

"We are not into scare tactics, but giving them information so they can protect themselves. Five is not too young to start. If we are in the business of education, we must educate our children in how to cope."

This attitude is shared by Gill Empson, a primary school head in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire. She test-ran a programme imported from America which has now been adopted by all 346 primary schools in the county.

Dare — Drug Abuse Resistance Education — includes a 17-week course for nine-year-*olds run with the police. It* aims to give children the self-confidence to resist drugs.

Gill is adamant that schools cannot start soon enough. "In the last five years the availability of drugs has rocketed. Our nine-year-old children need *this* programme before they have formed their ideas. It is too late when they are 13 or 14." The children act out situations, learning how to deflect pushers. They practise eight ways to say no, ranging from the "cold shoulder" to the "broken record" — repeating their refusal over and over again. The stark truth about the availability of drugs is spelt out by Inspector David Scott, of Nottinghamshire police.

"Four years ago heroin was £40 to £60 a spot, it is now £10. LSD is now £1.50 a tab — or 30p if you are buying a thousand," he says. "This may sound shocking, but under-16s are not shocked by it. It is part of their culture." He says the Dare scheme helps children to make decisions and take responsibility. "The drug problem is not going to go away. It is going to get much worse. Enforcement won't stop it on its own."

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MY SISTER THE JUNKIE

'I still love the person my sister once was'

When I last saw my sister two years ago, it was at my wedding. She was wearing black — black PVC trousers, a black cropped top and a black knee-length leather coat. Not long after the festivities started, she came over to me. "Just popping out to a drinks party," she said. "Be back soon." OK, I said. I wasn't going to point out the pathetically obvious: that I knew she was going to score heroin.

But then, maybe Tess thought I would swallow anything. After all, for three years I had lived with her without realising that she was a junkie. We shared a small, two-bedroom flat in Notting Hill, exposed to each other's most private domestic routines. I cramped her style (nocturnal good-time girl) and she cramped mine (City square); but we made light of it and tried to stay out of each other's hair. It appealed to me that I was getting to know my glamorous sister, whose years at boarding school — a convent which, with earnest wrong-headedness, prepared its girls for London society — had separated us.

Then I moved out and my younger brother Jack, a lawyer, moved in. After he found a bottle of methadone on top of the television set, Tess admitted that she had dabbled in heroin but said she was now clean. *Dabbling? Methadone? She gave us an explanation that* I cannot distinguish from the excuses, cop-outs and likely stories I have heard since. We believed it.

Addiction perversely glamorised in *Trainspotting*

We didn't tell our parents. Children don't, unless it's absolutely necessary. Like sex and rock 'n' roll, drugs are a *generational vice and naturally subject* to a youthful conspiracy of silence. Thus my friends Abigail and Louise have for five years tried to manage their eldest sister's heroin addiction, and still they have not informed their parents. Optimistically, they are trying to exploit their sorority and *twentysomethingness in an effort to* persuade her to come clean.

They are wasting their time. Jack and I tried a version of this and it didn't work. That Christmas, at my parents' house, Tess was so stupefied by the Temazepam *she had swallowed as a nightcap that*, by the following afternoon, she still hadn't woken up. She had to be dragged from her bed and manhandled on to her train to London. A short while later, Jack again found methadone in the flat.

We told our parents what we knew. Soon afterwards, at a special family gathering, my sister admitted to us that she was addicted to heroin, and had been for the previous seven years.

In a flash, it was clear that Tess's history exactly resembled the personal and professional *shambles characteristic of junkies: little capacity for* work, a morbid liking for sleep, skinniness, colds and dreadful nightmares when she went on family summer holidays, and a mysterious elusiveness, in conversation and in person.

N*ow I understood the savvy*, inner-city signals that her chic, trashy look gave out. Now I understood why she and her boyfriend, no connoisseurs of avant-garde prose, owned copies of *William Burroughs's The Naked Lunch; why she so* identified with Billie Holiday; and why she thought that Patti Smith was beautiful. Adulation, even imitation, of the famously stoned is a typical feature of junkiedom.

Suddenly and irreversibly, the world of heroin was mine to inhabit: a realm as personal as a nightmare. Only the good thing about a nightmare — that you wake up from it — was absent.

Detox in London followed the family meeting: rehab was a six-week stint at a clinic in the country. Family members took turns to visit Tess and participate in group therapy. At my session, I found myself surprisingly enraged and tearful. I felt defrauded. She had lied to me for years without a qualm, and the intimacies we had shared for all that time seemed little more than a joke at my expense. She had taken fraternal gifts innocently proffered — loyalty, co-operation, money — and corrupted them. She had *subverted the peculiar fidelity that underpins sibling love.*

Look in a bookshop *and you won't* find books that address these feelings. Go to an FA (Families Anonymous) meeting and you will meet junkies' parents and partners, but rarely their brothers and sisters. Perhaps because *there is no outlet for their concerns, siblings become adept at containing* the addict's impact on their lives.

But perhaps there is a deeper, more troubling reason for one's ability to cope, connected with the rough-and-ready nature of sibling love. Brothers and sisters do not choose one another, *or voluntarily spend their childhood* years together. Their relations are, however affectionate, founded on co-operation and territorial respect. Good fences make good siblings. Thus Jack and I, Tess's flatmates and peers, failed *to see what was in front of our noses.*

Tess relapsed after rehab and the family adopted a "tough love" strategy. But after suspending normal *relations* for two years, my parents began to crack. My mother fell victim to anguished retrospection and dreadful imaginings; my *father* twice suffered cardiac fibrillations. On top of everything else, each became anxious about the other. *And so last Christmas, when* Tess falsely asserted — yet again — that she was clean, they invited her home. But I decided that, for the first time, I would not go *home for Christmas. Someone had to hold the line, for Tess's sake*; besides, I could not face the prospect of a fraudulent holiday.

At a post-Christmas FA meeting, it became clear that the holidays of virtually everyone there had been spoilt. *But whereas parents are used to putting their children's needs before* their own, siblings are not. Like plants struggling beneath evergreens, we are denied the familial sunlight by the addict's presence — and we resent it. "He's not invited to my daughter's christening," a colleague said of his *smackhead twin. "I've had enough."*

Jack did go home — to support our parents, not Tess. "I don't care whether she's a junkie for the rest of her life," he said, "just so long as she doesn't hurt Mother and Father."

"But that means you're giving up on her," I objected.

Jack said, chillingly: "Taking drugs makes her happy — and unless she's happy, Mother won't be."

My brother has a point. The most *distressing thing of all has not been Tess's plight*, but witnessing my parents' destruction.

But the news is not all bad. Brothers and sisters can play a positive part, helping their parents to come to terms with the agonies they suffer. The *distance that siblings keep from each other, and the elastic love that never*theless connects them, enables "clean" children to enact "tough love". And rightly or wrongly, my brotherly love does not allow me to write Tess off. I still love her; *I especially love the person she once was. I still long for her* clean essence to emerge once the drug-induced fakeries have been stripped away. But to remove these is, in Tess's case, to strip away that relentless fiction, her adult life. And this is what is frightening, for us and her.

So this is the position of complicity we have reached. *My junkie sister* concocts fictions that my parents — and, for all I know, she herself — buy into; my brother goes with the flow for my parents' sake; and I'm *left out on a limb. This is not a promising situation.* In fact, it is desperately sad.

If I could lovingly release our family from Tess, I would. It would be the healthiest thing for her, for me and Jack, and for my parents. *But I cannot; so we are still all tied to her in knots that are as hard* to unravel as those that bind Tess to her dark, true sibling.

● *This article first appeared in* Vogue. *All the names have been changed*

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When heroin steals a beloved brother or sister, the dark shadow over family life eclipses siblings, too

Self-help brings fresh hope

THE MOTHER'S STORY

PARENTS are often the last to know that their *son or* daughter has a serious drug problem. Mary Smith discovered that her son, Christian, was a heroin addict when the police banged on her door to tell her he had turned to crime to pay for his addiction.

"I was *devastated. I didn't* have a clue," *she recalls.* But she was not alone. Throughout the early 1990s, parents in Knowle West, a south Bristol council estate, were discovering that a generation of the area's *youth had been* "kidnapped" by heroin.

But when Mrs Smith went in search of help for her son, there was none available. "There were lots of other *mothers in my position,*" *she says,* "so we decided to do something about it. We invited the people that matter to a public meeting *and* the mothers told their story."

Heart-wrenching accounts of children lost to the needle, of young lives wasted and of kind and caring offspring turned *into* thieving, lying monsters, had a dramatic effect.

> 'We tell the truth about our lives and it is from the heart'

Four months later, Mrs Smith and several other *mothers of addicts* formed Kwads (Knowle West Against Drugs), motto: Experts on tap not on top. They meet every week to share information and give each *other support. Periodi*cally they hold public meetings, where parents can learn more about the drugs threat facing their children.

But their most radical work *is done in local schools.* "We *don't go in as teachers or* counsellors," says Mrs Smith, now Kwads' chairperson. "We go in as what we are: the parents of heroin addicts. We tell the truth about our personal lives and it *is* said from *the heart*." They started with the 14- to 16-year-olds but found their greatest impact was in primary schools.

The project now has an office and three full-time staff. Next month it will host a *national conference* for the parents of addicts.

Yet the success of Kwads has not ended Mrs Smith's personal agony with Christian, now 23. "He is in a drugs programme, but every so often he has a *breakout.* I wouldn't be telling the truth if I said he was well. I have another child, Emily. I brought them up both the same way and she went to *university and he became an* addict. I still don't know why that happened."

Like Mrs Smith before her shocking introduction into the world of drugs, most parents' fear for their children is sharpened by ignorance.

"*Like most activities that* put the fear of God into parents, the casualty rate is very low," says Harry Shapiro, of the Institute for the Study of Drug Dependency. "For those who dabble, there *are no guarantees, but* the truth is they are unlikely to end up in shadow on television or stretched out on a mortuary slab."

There are tell-tale signs of *drug use — the cardboard* filter of a cannabis joint or a butane canister in the room of somebody who doesn't smoke. But the important thing is for parents to familiarise *themselves with the drugs scene*, and the earlier the better.

Experts recommend that from the age of four, children *should* be taught that drug misuse is harmful. From seven they should know the dangers of discarded *syringes and* needles and be introduced to the law on the use of drugs. From 11, they should be taught about categories of drugs, including *stimulants and hallucinogens*, and terms such as addiction, overdose and adulteration. From 14, they should know about drugs' legal status, effect and appearance and danger of mixing drugs.

THE Government's strategy, Tackling Drugs Together has published *A Parents' Guide to Drugs and Solvents*, which explains 14 drugs. It encourages parents to talk *to their children about drugs* and advises: "Don't bully your children; don't lecture — remember how it felt to be lectured at; don't preach — being *holier than thou* does not help a child; don't try to scare *your children* with shock horror stories. It doesn't work."

The message a child needs to hear and believe from a parent is, says the booklet: "*I may not like what you have done, but I still love you.*"

JULIAN KOSSOFF

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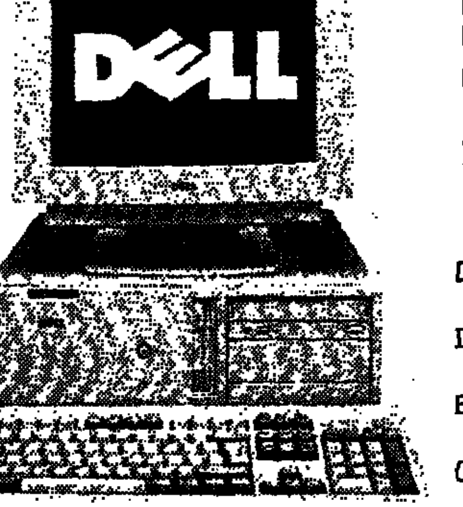

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It's all a question of leadership

Michael Portillo accuses Blair of forfeiting the people's trust

Tony Blair began the election campaign by asking the public to trust him. It was an extraordinary appeal, based on the admission that Britain would have been wrong to trust him at any time in the past.

Mr Blair has learnt a lesson from four successive election defeats. He knows that he cannot win power by following his instincts. The people have rejected them, though he does not understand why. In his desperation for power he seeks direction elsewhere: from focus groups, from the media, from Europe. These are not solid foundations on which to fight an election campaign, let alone on which to build a government. No wonder Labour had such an uncomfortable fortnight of confusion and contradiction at the start of the campaign.

Then, in desperation, they switched tactics to a campaign of lies and smears which reached its grubby extreme last week when Tony Blair — the man who once vowed to "think the unthinkable" about welfare, the man who pleads piously to be trusted — looked straight into the television cameras and lied to the British people about the Government's pension reforms.

Conservatives knew he was lying. The media knew he was lying — or "peddling falsehoods" as *The Times* more delicately described it. Without doubt he knew he was lying. But scaring the vulnerable with cold-blooded lies is seen as fair by new Labour. It is just the latest demonstration that Labour is prepared to say and do anything for power.

It is no wonder that over the past few weeks in dozens of constituencies around the country I have detected little enthusiasm for new Labour. The mood is one of uncertainty, doubt and confusion. Mr Blair has not won the people's trust. As I have campaigned I have met few people who think that things would actually improve under Labour. But I have met many who think just what Mr Blair wishes them to think, just what the entire cynical exercise of fashioning new Labour out of old Labour was meant to make people believe: that it wouldn't make much difference.

Others understand all too well that a Labour government would make things worse, harm our economy and weaken our country. But they are considering voting Labour anyway because they think the Tories would benefit from a spell in opposition, and that five years on we could be returned, rejuvenated and refreshed, to sort out the mess. I have a simple message to those people: you are wrong. In government the Conservative Party has faced the challenges needed to change Britain for the better. And as we demonstrate in our manifesto, we continue to be the party of ideas, ready to take on the challenges of the future. In opposition, we could only be spectators as Mr Blair reversed the progress we have made in the past 18 years, undermined our economic strength, gave up British sovereignty to Europe and broke up the United Kingdom.

People should be in no doubt that when Mr Blair says "new Britain" he means it. His manifesto contains a series of proposals to change the constitution which would be hard to reverse. He describes these plans as "the biggest programme of change to democracy ever proposed by a political party". Yet they are not promoted among his five publicised pledges. They do not number among his ten vows — his self-styled "contract with Britain". It is hard to recall his even mentioning them in his many interviews, speeches and press conferences during this campaign. But, if elected, he would claim a mandate to vandalise our constitution, and quickly set about doing so.

Mr Blair's determination to tear up our constitution is born of his distaste for the traditions and institutions of a Britain that has rejected his natural instincts. He confines these policies to the margins of his rhetoric because they fail the only test he applies to what he says: Is it popular?

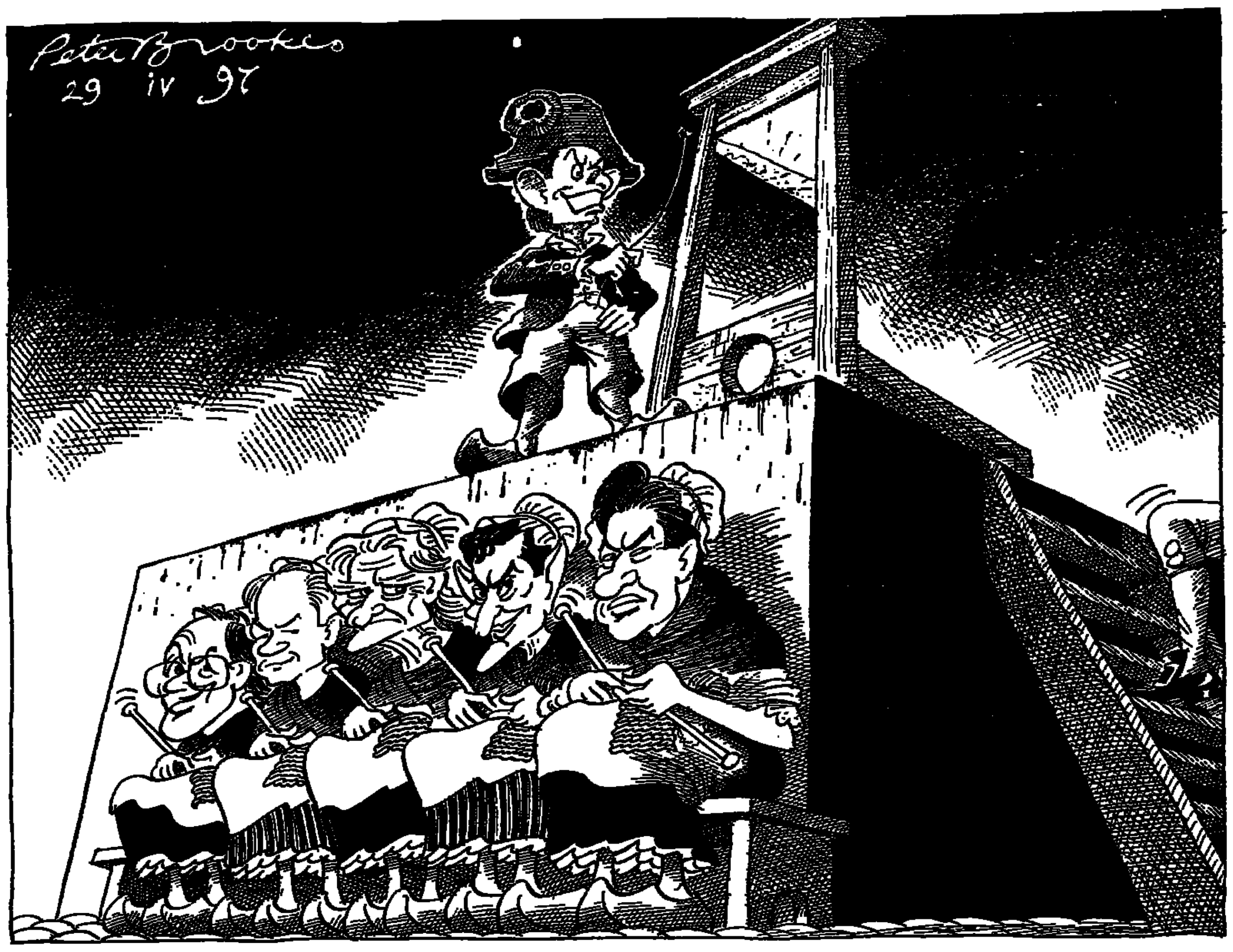
For Tony Blair's highest aspiration is merely to echo what is popular. He is a follower not a leader. That is why he tries to be all things to all men. That is why he says different things to different audiences. That is why, in this campaign, he has twisted and turned at the simplest probing of what he believes and of what he plans to do to Britain.

> Labour in office would vacillate: appeasing, not leading

Sunday brought the starkest and most ominous example of Mr Blair's approach. In his appeal to middle Britain he places his party "in the centre, speaking for the mainstream majority", and claims to have put behind him everything we used to associate with the Labour Party. Last weekend, trying to curry favour with the Left's old guard at *The Observer*, he said: "I am of the Centre-Left and I want the Left to be part of this project. I want the Left to realise that if we win this election, we will have done so without ceding any ground that cannot be recovered." The man who bases his appeal for Britain's trust on the claim that Labour is truly "new", now admits that every change in his party can, and by implication will, be reversed.

The greatest danger of new Labour in power is not that it would suddenly be overrun by a re-emerging hard-core Left, but that in government it would be exactly as it is in opposition: rootless and vacillating, seeking only to appease, never to lead. We would face the consequences almost at once: in six weeks' time when critical decisions about our sovereignty are negotiated at the Amsterdam summit, and in 12 weeks' time in Labour's promised emergency tax-raising Budget.

Many in the media have already written Mr Blair into Downing Street. He certainly takes victory for granted. But the British people have not spoken yet. And when they do they will wipe the smile from Mr Blair's face.



A lifeline for floaters

The millions who are still indecisive have my sympathy. I was once among them

Libby Purves

It isn't in the bag, you know: don't be fooled. Never mind all that stuff predicting Labour Cabinets and Tory bloodletting. In this trade, we like to pretend we know. But we don't.

Far from the hothouse of political interest, millions are still indecisive. I do not mean those shy, legendary creatures, the "secret Tory voters" who lie to pollsters while intending to vote Conservative all the time. I mean the real floaters, still rubbing their heads in honest perplexity. Thursday is too soon for these humble Hamlets: some will not finally decide until the pencil is in their hand, some will come out of the booth still unhappy, saying, as one neighbour did last time, "Oh dear, I really don't know if I've done the right thing". Weeks later she still didn't: it takes more than the swearing-in of a new government to stop some people floating.

Both main parties know from their canvassing that indecision is rife. This is why Tony Blair strives modestly to avoid the unconditional future tense, why John Major uses it constantly, and why both sides long to pelt Edwina Currie with duff eggs. Airily conceding victory before the ballot is not modesty but a wilful misunderstanding of the electorate. A German radio journalist told his listeners: "These people could do anything, there is no logic."

It is time to throw a lifeline of *sympathy* to floating voters. I do not mean absentees: I take the schoolmarm line that their names should be posted up in their neighbourhoods after each election so that everybody knows the lazy human reality behind the phrase "low turnout". Nor am I bothered about those who write "Bastards!" across the names of all the candidates, or lunatics who cover the paper with tiny intricate allegations in green ink that the Pope is in league with Martians. Just pity the real floaters, who value the vote but can't decide what to do with it.

I was a floater once — in 1979 — and it was miserable. Even left-liberals were fed up with the incompetence of the Callaghan administration and the suicidal trade unions (remember differentials, demarcation, comparability, British Leyland?) But the Heath Government was also horribly fresh in the memory. The mood of the moment was frustration at the chaos of inadequate majorities: cliffhanger votes, sick MPs brought in on stretchers, the Lib-Lab pact, no decisiveness or dignity anywhere. That mood led me, at the last minute, to the despicable floater course of voting with the poll swing. If other people were voting Tory, so would I, so minimising the chance of another hung Parliament. A friend, following the same emotional path through that election, agreed. "After all," she said, "even if they're bastards to the poor, Tories are great business people, aren't they? They'll make the *country rich, then we can afford* social democracy."

It was that simple, that stupid, that human. Our marginal Tory won. Reader, I elected him. I personally helped to kick-start the Conservative years. But we feckless single girls never dreamt that our deed would begin an aeon of one-party rule, stretching into our own children's teenage years.

Today's floating voters have it even harder, although once again their dilemma is less likely to be about ideology than about effectiveness. At least in 1979 everybody of voting age could remember the failures of two kinds of government and choose between sets of experienced ministers. Now it is a contest of old and new, habit and mystery, and all the more irrational for that. Not knowing which shore to swim for, the floaters are buffeted by powerful emotional eddies.

A strong instinct tells them — particularly Mrs Floater — that you should always keep tight hold of Nurse, for fear of finding something worse. When decent John Major says "Wake up to the danger!", she is receptive. Times have been hard, the children's school is far from perfect, the hospital is a worry, and the articles she reads about the criminal underclass are reinforced by the shuttered unkempt look of city streets when she ventures from her safe suburb. Nice Mr Major says that things get worse under Labour governments; considering how bad they are even after 18 years without one, this is pretty alarming. Logic does not come into it, for real floaters.

Mr Floater, meanwhile, is less pessimistic: business has started to look up and he is almost convinced by the argument that delicate shoots of recovery would be crushed by the insensitive Labour boot. Almost, but not quite. He remembers the VAT rises, the exchange-rate mechanism debacle, the quadrupling of his business rate and how near he is to *negative equity. Two of his old* friends are bankrupt, and he doesn't think it is their fault. He resents this having happened during a time when, even without illegality, former government ministers seem to do so well for themselves financially.

Another current pulls the floaters towards new Labour. Keeping tight hold of Nurse is cosy, but sometimes when they look up into the face of Nurse and see the sneer of Dr Mawhinney, the smugness of Michael Howard or even the familiar sheeplike earnestness of the Prime Minister, they suddenly want to snatch their hands away. Dear God, not again! The Tories in 1997 are the depressing party, the scribbled-over, dog-eared tearstained exercise book of a party. Must we really go back to those crabbed pages?

The floater feels a surge of certainty: it is time for a fresh sheet, a new book, a clean new hope. Europe is not a problem: the floater is not bothered about the single currency or a federal superstate, thanks to an inner conviction that it won't happen anyway because Europeans will mess it up.

But the whole family really liked Tony Blair's party political broadcast, the one with the tennis and the children and the bright kitchen and the man's keen-eyed, sincere Christian urge to put the nation in a hot bath and give it a good scrub. The Floater family saw that and remembered John Major's maudlin watercolour hymns to his Brixton roots and his father's honest business failure, his dank aura of evening-classes, Tizer, county cricket and old maids on bicycles. They suspect that a new Labour government on Friday would give them the same surge of glee they felt when they chucked out the chintz and gave the nasty old wedding-present china to the charity shop.

But floaters are not stupid: they know that any new sheet will soon be covered in tears and blots and mistakes. Moreover, they are British and have an innate need to cherish frayed old objects. The Conservative Party are well, sort of *heritage* now, aren't they? We've grown accustomed to their faces. Labour might harbour strange germs. Might it not be better *to stick by the greasy antimacassar* we know, and Granny Thatcher's chipped old gravy-boat?

So the floaters watch the campaign, unhappy and restless. They know it is up to them what happens next, but can't decide. Once, their problem might have been solved in a simple human way by esteem for a particular local candidate, but these days local candidates are almost invisible against the harsh arc-lights of the media campaign. So in the end, it will be a small thing that sways them: perhaps even on the journey to the polling station. In the countryside, it might be a row of brutal Tory posters marching along a roadside prairie, some big landowner's defiant abuse of the power of property to outshine the brave, wrinkled, red and orange patches in the windows of the cottages. In the city it might be an equally brutal Marx-red sticker shouting "SMASH THE TORIES!" This makes the floater stiffen in protest, his Cold War bunions twingeing, and swing to the right.

Then comes a 1960s song on the radio, a shower of rain after drought, or the voices of children at a school Maypole singing the song about the Peasants' Revolt: "Labour and spin for fellowship, I say, Labour and spin for the love of one another, in the light that is coming in the morning." The floater sniffles, and swings left again. Then something else happens. The floater is so confused by now that it might just be a wink from a pretty student outside the polling station.

Why else do you think that by ancient electoral folk-wisdom, all the parties sit smiling by the hall door, in rosettes? They know that it's all to play for, even then.

Don't be duped by the polls

Woodrow Wyatt argues that Major can still pull it off

I have never been a fan of opinion polls. On May 28, 1945, Gallup showed a Labour lead of 16 per cent, followed by 9 per cent on June 18 and 6 per cent on July 4. Polling day was July 5. The outcome was a Labour lead of 20.4 per cent. There was some speculation that it was the late-counted Service vote that made the difference. Not really. More than half the servicemen entitled to vote didn't. Among the 1,700,000 who did, there was a Labour majority, but not by nearly enough to explain why the final Gallup poll was so wrong. Incidentally, even in that great landslide Labour achieved only 48.3 per cent of the votes.

In the 1992 election, polls showed a clear Labour victory. Subsequently, when people were asked how they had voted, the majority said Labour. This was due to many voters saying on the way in that they were Labour, putting a cross against the Conservatives and announcing on the way out they had voted Labour. Hence the frenzied leapings of Peter Snow with his swingometer, proving from the exit polls that Labour was a certainty, and his gloom when they lost. This Thursday's is the hardest election to read in my lifetime.

In 1970, the polls predicted defeat for Ted Heath up to the end, but two things happened. One was a month with an unexpectedly adverse balance of payments, then thought to be the test of economic success. The other was Harold Wilson leaning out of a window inviting people below to tea with him at No 10 after the election. The element of hubris in Mr Blair has fed upon itself during the campaign. For days it has been said that a removal van is loading up his belongings outside his Islington house. If so, what is its destination? Labour has a rule: all those with Shadow portfolios must initially be given the portfolio itself in a Labour government. Now we hear that unregenerate old guard members of the Shadow Cabinet will be relegated to minor offices.

Millions of old-fashioned socialists resent the diktat that socialism is the vice new Labour dare not name. Those thus affronted also tend to have deep patriotic feelings which inspire detestation of the ever more encroaching powers of Brussels. They are aware that acting tough with dissenters in the run-up to the election is a doddle compared to standing up to bullying by Herr Kohl and his satraps. Mr Blair did not even dare stand up to Mr Major in a one-to-one television debate. Mr Major has proved his mettle by gaining opt-outs on the single currency and the social chapter which Mr Blair and the Labour leaders opposed in the Maastricht debate in 1992. But for Mr Major, Mr Blair, if he were to win, would have no negotiating position at the Amsterdam Euro-summit in June. Mr Blair's approach to the EU is accommodatingly wet in contrast to Major's dogged determination to be isolated until he gets his way.

My instinct is that many who once were the solid base of the genuinely socialist Labour Party will abstain or even vote for Major. They will not toy with Paddy Ashdown, who is regarded as pointless. For those former Tory voters who tell the pollsters they have switched to Mr Blair, there is a new worry. After being charmed by the promise that their personal income tax rates would not be increased, they are beginning to realise there are many ways to skin a cat. Why otherwise, after pledging to stick to Tory spending plans for at least two years, has Gordon Brown now said he will hold an emergency Budget if he is Chancellor on May 2? It is not just for the legalised theft of the windfall tax, which will depreciate the value of millions of shareholdings in the affected companies and in the pension funds that have invested in them. It is a clear signal of new taxes to pay for their few firm promises, namely to try to decrease youth unemployment by 250,000 with an unworkable scheme, and to improve the NHS, which Mr Blair ludicrously claims has been wrecked by the Tories.

There is another point missed. Last Sunday on television Mr Blair declared that the unemployment figures are cooked by the Government, and are 529,000 higher than stated. So he presumably would put the missing 529,000 on unemployment benefit — a massive undertaking costing several billions. Along with the emergency Budget, there would inevitably be rises in interest and mortgage rates, which would deliver a punch in the stomach to the middle-class voters Mr Blair has been assiduously wooing. However much he denigrates the state of the economy, many in the middle class have thought it so sound, and progressing so well, that not even Mr Blair and Mr Brown could ruin it. Now they are having last-minute second thoughts.

Against all the pollsters, and chumps like the pornographic bestseller and disloyal Tory Edwina Currie, I do not believe Tony Blair will win by a landslide. On the contrary, I believe that John Major, who has fought brilliantly, is on course for a majority of around 30-40, plus his natural allies, the Northern Ireland Unionists, who do not trust the mercurial Mr Blair.

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The Menace

THE Conservative Party may have anticipated an outburst from Edwina Currie, who predicted a Labour landslide at the weekend, but Cabinet members must have thought they were safe with Sir Denis Thatcher. Unfortunately, they weren't.

Yesterday in Hong Kong, Sir Denis dismissed the chances of John Major's survival as Prime Minister with a wave of his hand. After a lunch in the colony with some of its tycoons, he joined the Duchess of York's cigar-smoking friend David Tang for a stroll.

When asked by onlookers how he assessed the chance of Major's survival in the election on Thursday, he laughed and said: "Nil".

Friends of the Conservative Party suggest that Sir Denis's lively lunch had encouraged a slip of the tongue, and that he had not meant what he said. Yesterday, Conservative Central Office was not prepared to consider the unthinkable: "It's very unlikely that he said that," said one Major loyalist.

Baroness Thatcher, who took time off the campaign trail with Sir Denis to visit Hong Kong — where they were guests of honour at a party thrown by Tang — has visited 17 constituencies banging the drum for Major. Work which, some now claim, has been undone by Sir Denis's *joie de vivre* on the eve of Hong Kong's handover.

Red Gould

LABOUR'S campaign strategist Philip Gould will not be idle if the party wins on Thursday. Not only is he being earmarked as the Tim Bell of the Blair administration, but he is also at work on his inside account of the election campaign.

The book has been attracting the interest of the leading London houses, eagerly searching for a British *Primary Colors*. I hear that the secretive Gould has opted for Random House — which happens to be run by his wife, the equally elusive Gail Rebuck. Nothing like keeping it in the family.

"Invaders in sight at Nine O'Clock"

Indelicacy

RADIO 4's *Today* programme countered the tedium of the election campaign yesterday when it fielded its star interviewer, Jim Naughtie, to report on differing pain thresholds between men and women. He got the giggles, not for the first time, and struggled manfully to keep them under control.

The rot set in when he asked two distinguished columnists, Auberon Waugh and Ann Leslie, for their views. Waugh promptly raised the notion of men producing milk from their breasts.

Naughtie then said: "Anyone who wants to volunteer to tickle Auberon Waugh's nipples, write to *him and not to us.*" *At which the Today* studio erupted, and Ann Leslie and co-presenter Sue MacGregor disappeared under a table in fits. "Excuse me, this is terrible," apologised our hero as he stumbled into a report on BSE and dogs.

In accord

THE MOST important stars of Anthony Minghella's cast in *The English Patient* are to perform live in Salisbury for the first time since the film's success at the Oscars.

Minghella's mother Gloria and his Aunt Betty, accordion players who take a cameo role at the end of the film, have been pressed into service again. By day they run an ice-cream factory; by night they are keyboard virtuosi.

They will appear at the Salisbury Festival of Literature next month. Guests are promised a rendition of the Neopolitan and Italian Folk accordion music that was featured in the film with "an authentic sound of a non-professional pair". However, Minghella's mother, Gloria, who with her sister has been playing the accordion since she was a child, was less than sure about her debut in Salisbury: "He has only mentioned it to me in passing. I don't even know when it is. I'll cut his ears off when I see him. He is a very naughty boy."

The Oscar-winning *English Patient* cast is to reassemble

● *London's* Evening Standard, *which rooted for John Major in the last election, has given up on the Conservatives. In today's paper, the editorial column advises its readers to vote Labour: "Both democracy and public policy demand a change of government on Thursday." Odd. The Barbour-clad Editor, Max Hastings, has always struck me as being grouse moors away from Tony Blair.*

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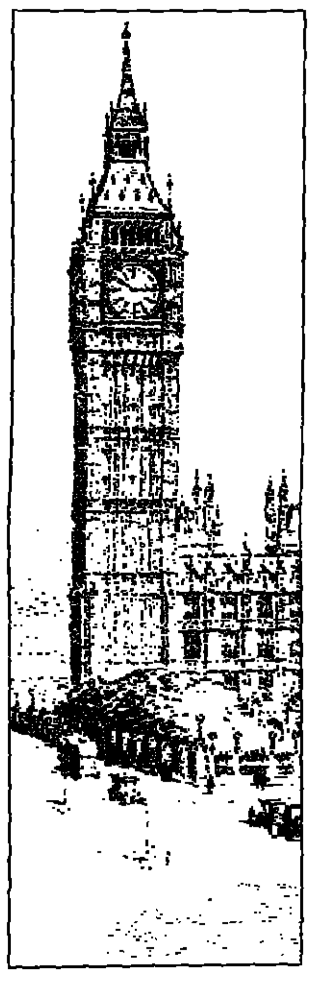
To endorse is, at its simplest, to write on the back of a piece of paper; an endorsement is also an approval of a specific act, a signal of a transfer of power, even a warning that a licence for action may be taken away. A newspaper's endorsement at election time is a mixture of all those things.

In 200 years *The Times* has never assumed that its readers take its advice to vote for politicians or platforms. We still respect our readers too much to make that assumption. In the past weeks we have been especially affected by the views of readers who think that we should not offer advice at all. We entered this campaign with an open mind about what and whom we would support — and we have reported and commented in that spirit.

We have also been asked by readers to respect our traditions in assessing whom we support. For some that is a Tory tradition; for others it is a more complex pattern of endorsement that deserves our respect.

Throughout the elections of this century a number of themes emerge that have resonance in the arguments of today. The first is the importance of the individual Member of Parliament. In this election season we have given support to candidates as varied as the Liberal Democrat Liz Lynne in Rochdale and Sir James Goldsmith of the Referendum Party in Putney; in the past both Michael Foot and Shirley Williams have been endorsed — whether they liked it or not — for their contributions to Parliament.

The second theme has been a preference for endorsing policy over party. We have long preferred the principles of economic radicalism and personal liberties over the parties and people who espoused them. One of the greatest achievements of *The Times* in its youth was to escape from the partisan tradition of the London press. In the early years of this century, despite its generally Liberal instincts, *The Times* placed its support for the Union and Empire above its preference for party. In the long approach to this election we have made clear our support for the fresh air and fresh leadership which Tony Blair has brought to the Opposition: but in 1997 our concerns for the Union are with us still and our preference for global trade over continental ties inevitably colour our view of Labour.



The third theme has been the support of strong unconventional leaders. Both Winston Churchill and Margaret Thatcher received personal support from *The Times* at a level which their parties did not; so too did Joseph Chamberlain and David Owen. John Major, by contrast, has been a true man of his parliamentary machine. His skills are those of a whip. His proudest boasts have been for his powers of negotiation. After receiving cautious support from *The Times* in 1992, the Prime Minister lost us in the chaos of Britain's ejection from Europe's exchange-rate mechanism. In a more robust political age he would have lost his job thereafter as well; in this age he survived, despite time after time confusing stubbornness with strength and, in Norman Lamont's lasting phrase, office with power. In 1995 *The Times* called for a full-scale leadership contest, a proper test of the Prime Minister's support; the Tory party took a different view.

The fourth theme has been a willingness to withhold our support from both people and parties. For long periods there was a clear predisposition here against endorsing a government at the polls. In 1945, the election which many commentators compare to the poll this week, the position of *The Times* was notably opaque. In 1955 it remained neutral. Throughout the Sixties the volume of support for the Liberals was vastly in excess of its muffled calls to vote Conservative. Our strong support of Lady Thatcher in the 1980s was, in this regard, counter to our traditions, not central to them. At the heart of this newspaper is its independence from political favour: to give up that independence even for a day is an act that *The Times* must justify to its readers and itself.

This election campaign has now just two days to run. The ploys and pleas of the participants are almost over. Much of what has happened has been predictable and deeply patterned in the past. All those government ministers who have been "friendly in Hackney, faithless in Whitehall" would have been as easily recognisable to Pope — and to Dickens and Orwell — as they are to the satirists of today. No less familiar are the old politicians in Tatton and elsewhere who "chew on wisdom past and totter on in business to the last"; the tired and corrupt have always been with us and nothing will change that.

Two developments, however, have been truly striking. The first is the transformation of the Labour Party under Tony Blair into a party that is both electable and about to be elected as the Government of Great Britain. The speed of this change — the abandonment of so many anachronistic and disastrous policies in so short a period of time — has been extraordinary. *The Times* has strongly supported this revolution. So great has been the speed of change that faith and imagination, rather than firm policy pronouncements, must form the source of optimism for those millions who intend to vote Labour for the first time this week. Even in recent weeks Labour's policies on unions and privatisation, devolution and fishing, have moved so quickly that only its opinion poll lead has seemed to stay the same. And yet the Labour leader has worked hard for the faith that he inspires. We wish him well. Imagination has been much lacking in our government and we shall be happy to see it back. But we do not put our name to what is still a tower of dreams.

The second development is the simultaneous collapse of the body and spirit of the Conservative Party. While Labour has been changing itself, the very momentum of its metamorphosis has been enough to keep it together. For the Conservatives there has been no equivalent movement to keep the party upright. A tiny mandate from 1992, tightening tensions between Right and Left within the party, reactive leadership and unnecessarily prolonged recession have taken a heavy toll.

Both parties have had to deal with the question that, above all others, ought to define this campaign. Both parties, however, are divided about the future of Britain's relationship to the continent of Europe. Neither leadership, therefore, has wanted Europe to be an issue. Yet, somehow, driven by a few brave British politicians and a few careless Brussels bureaucrats, Europe has become the most invigorating subject on the doorsteps in these last electioneering days.

For *The Times* today — and for *The Times* in the spirit of its best past — the European future is the fulcrum of public policy. A proper sense of the choices now facing this country, a profound vision of how the current moves to unite Europe could all so easily bring its collapse, a clear-sighted understanding of the gulf between what our partners say, what they mean and what they really want: that is what Britain needs to be able to vote for at this election. The divergent views on this subject ought to form the line along which the parties divide; but they do not. They form dividing lines only within the parties. In the Conservatives the lines are open and opening further by the day; this process will continue until a new leader matches the spirit of the new MPs. In the Labour Party the lines are largely closed by discipline and fear of defeat; but they may still be uncovered. Our endorsement in this election, therefore, falls not on a party slate but upon individual candidates whose European ideals we can support.

We have made our choices carefully according to our best judgments about the men and women who are standing for election. We ask our readers, however, to supplement our judgment wherever possible with their own. Our endorsed candidates are from six different political parties. Our hope is that the next House of Commons should be as full as possible with those MPs who will give strong, independent consideration to sovereignty, security and competitiveness.

As we argued yesterday, there is no easy choice in this election for those whose main wish is to endorse a policy against the further integration of the European Union. *Times* readers do not, however, need only easy options. The Referendum Party may give some simple relief from the traditional choices; but, if the voter aims to make a difference, we do not advise a vote for Sir James Goldsmith's party except in Putney, where the Tory, David Mellor, is an influential supporter of his leadership's hesitant line, and in Reigate, where the former Tory MP and Eurosceptic campaigner, Sir George Gardiner, is the candidate.

More important is a vote in support of the Conservatives who have either proved their sceptical credentials already or who have been emboldened by public opinion and government weakness to declare their hand during the course of this campaign. Of still greater significance is a vote for Labour opponents of further European integration; the greater the numbers of the potential European rebels behind Prime Minister Blair, the stronger the voice of scepticism will be.

In some seats sceptics will have the chance to vote against well known supporters of integration such as Sir Edward Heath, Edwina Currie and Giles Radice. For those who wish to follow this endorsement from *The Times* these opportunities should be grasped as firmly as the chance to cast a positive vote. Yesterday we published the best list possible of those whom we would endorse in this way. In certain other seats, in Northern Ireland for example, different criteria will apply; in some there will be none. On polling day we will publish as full a list as possible, including any amendments and corrections that have been brought to our attention. In the hope that no more power be transferred from Britain, in the best tradition of our past and in the best hope for the future, this is the endorsement that we make.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Britain's future in Europe as factor in voting intentions

From Sir Patrick Cormack, Parliamentary Candidate for Staffordshire South (Conservative)

Sir, Your "Good Eurosceptic voting guide" (April 28) hardly justifies the adjective. Your leader, which does acknowledge that there is an inevitable degree of fudge in your classification, challenges individual candidates to declare themselves.

As one whom you list among the "Europhiles", I have always been implacably opposed to a federal Europe but I do believe most strongly in the need for a cohesive European Union of nation states — and an enlarged one.

I have consistently advocated the advantages of a common, or parallel, currency and expressed no enthusiasm at any time for a single currency, though I believe that the Prime Minister's insistence on Britain's being represented while crucial negotiations are conducted is entirely correct.

A number of those colleagues whom you have listed alongside me take a similar view. Among those you list as worthy of Eurosceptic support are some who would pull out of both Union and single market. Is that the Thunderer's hidden agenda?

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK CORMACK,
Campaign Headquarters,
The Firs, Station Road,
Codsall, South Staffordshire.
April 28.

From the National Organiser of the UK Independence Party

Sir, Must we really obey Lord Rees-Mogg ("How to vote sceptically", April 24) and vote for the Tory candidates opposing the single currency in their election addresses despite the official wait and see policy. I wonder whether there would have been quite that number if a pro-Euro millionaire had offered these fine candidates double that given by Mr Paul Sykes, for them to shut up on this subject and toe the party line.

Heaven forbid that the electorate should vote out of "sympathy", as Rees-Mogg puts it, for the motives of parties such as the UKIP, whilst the opportunity exists to return Conservatives who saved the Maastricht treaty.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID LOTT
(Parliamentary Candidate for
Hexham (UK Independence Party)),
Woodhill,
Otterburn, Newcastle upon Tyne.
April 24.

From Sir Anthony Meyer

Sir, There must be many thousands who remain Conservative because, unlike Emma Nicholson and her colleagues (letter, April 28), we have not finally given up hope of recovering at any rate a large section of our party for its traditional One Nation, pro-European policies. But we shall be voting Liberal Democrat in those constituencies where their candidate comes closest to our ideals, and we hope to see a large Liberal Democrat contingent in the next House of Commons.

I am, etc,
ANTHONY MEYER
(Conservative MP, 1964-66; 1970-92),
9 Cottage Place, SW3.
April 28.

From Mr David Howell

Sir, Sir Michael Butler asserts ("Europe is rooting for Blair", April 21) that "we export more to The Netherlands than to all the Asian tigers put together".

I do not know where he got this "fact" from, but it is quite untrue.

The figures in *Economic Trends*, published by the Office of National Statistics, show that for 1995 — the latest available year — the total export earnings from The Netherlands for all British goods and services were £18,866 million.

From Hong Kong, South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand — to take only some of the "tigers" — total export earnings were £21,261 million.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HOWELL,
Chalk Croft Farm, Penton Mewsey,
Andover, Hampshire.
April 21.

From Mr Rodney Leach

Sir, You gave Sir Michael Butler 106 lines to air the conventional Commission legend of "Eurosceptic myths".

How about his own myths? His comment that "we export more to The Netherlands than to all the Asian tigers put together" is at best a half-truth: physical exports to Holland are exaggerated by the throughput of Rotterdam, while exports to Singapore and Hong Kong are largely in services.

Sir Michael attributes European peace to the EU, without a word about the American nuclear umbrella or the reluctance of democracies to fight each other.

He says Nato takes away more of our sovereignty than Maastricht, not mentioning that European treaty provisions are irreversible, whereas Britain's accession to Nato can be revoked at any time. Besides, a senior diplomat should not confuse sovereignty with power.

German leaders from Adenauer, 40 years ago, to Kohl and President Herzog today have said that their aim is the end of the European nation state. Is it now a display of "hostility to ... Europeans" to quote continental statesmen verbatim and in context?

Yours faithfully,
RODNEY LEACH,
3 Lombard Street, EC3.
April 23.

From Mr Leslie Fraser-Mitchell

Sir, How gratifying to learn that Prime Minister John Major will, in opposition, be prepared to offer expert advice to Tony Blair on how to deal with Europe in the matter of single currency (interview, April 21).

Will he also advise him how to deal with any future crisis in beef exports to Europe, or how best to protect Britain's fishing interests?

Yours faithfully,
LESLIE FRASER-MITCHELL,
Fraser's Rest,
Briar Close,
Necton, Swaffham, Norfolk.
April 21.

View from academe

From Sir Alfred Sherman

Sir, Connoisseurs of verbal sleight of hand will be lost in admiration for your lead letter today, "Academics opt for change on May 1", by tycoons from that surviving nationalised industry, academe. Like Labour's bulldog without private parts, their stirring election address omits to tell readers for whom they should vote.

Is it because the manifestants are divided between merits of two, or even more, paladins of tax and spend? Or are they leaving an escape route in case of a last-minute Tory victory or possible reproaches from potential donors whose largesse they will need whoever wins the election. Are they hedging their bets?

Can academics do no better than the stale jargon of politicians, using "investment" as a euphemism for lavish current expenditure? Could the director of the LSE at least not have considered that the early 19th-century expedient of "the active creation of opportunities for the unemployed", variously known as "public works" and "make work", by siphoning off funds from the sustainable market sector, which was and will remain the main source of employment, thereby reduces sustained employment in that sector? Surely the wealth of cautionary tales in the LSE library should discourage such aphasia. And what, pray, is actually meant by "constructive engagement"?

Is this the best our academics can do?

Yours,
ALFRED SHERMAN,
14 Malvern Court,
Onslow Square, SW7.
April 28.

Politics and farmers

From Mr Oliver Walston

Sir, Mr E. D. Leigh-Pemberton (letter, April 26) objects to Sir Simon Gourlay's endorsement (April 24) of the Labour Party on the ground that the NFU has always been apolitical. Yet the other letter you publish with Mr Leigh-Pemberton's is from Lord Plumb, who became a Conservative MEP four months after retiring from the presidency of the NFU.

It is sad but unsurprising that many farmers appear to have no objection to past presidents being political so long as they are Conservative.

As a working farmer, I will vote Labour with alacrity and enthusiasm.

Yours faithfully,
OLIVER WALSTON,
Thriplow Farm,
Thriplow, Royston, Hertfordshire.
April 26.

Tax for education

From Mr David Hunt

Sir, Why the furore about the Liberal Democrats spending a penny on education? Successive governments have been spending a penny on education for years.

Yours,
DAVID HUNT,
Chy-an-dour Cottage,
Gulval, Penzance, Cornwall.

Land for housing

From Mr A. W. Tait

Sir, Simon Jenkins [article, April 19; letters, April 26] advances three basic arguments: rural England is being "concreted over"; we should largely ignore Department of the Environment projections that we need to house some four million additional households between 1991 and 2016; even if we do not, we should build all, or nearly all, the extra houses in towns and cities.

Unfortunately, the problem is far more complex than he allows. The DoE projections are not fantasy: more people live longer, the young do leave home earlier and the places where people most want to live are precisely those where he least wants them to live. Should the millions who have bought newly built houses in the country be able to deny others, including their own children and grandchildren, the same opportunity?

The good news is that we are doing quite well. The green belt has been growing, not declining. Many more houses are being built on recycled land. About 87.5 per cent of England and Wales will still be countryside by the year 2000: even in the South East the proportion will be 83 per cent.

The debate is not about whether, in the next 20 or 30 years, the proportion will fall below 80 per cent — it will not — but whether it will be 81 or 82 per cent. The difference is important but it should be kept in perspective.

Most of England will remain rural, even though the Town and Country Planning Association considers that it is unlikely to be possible to put even half of all new houses in towns and cities. Seven major cities have told the association that they are likely to run out of land between 2006 and 2011.

A useful step might be to set up an independent "Housing Land Review Body", which would periodically encumber opinion with facts and with independent commentary on the competing claims of the pressure groups. This might help promote a higher standard of debate in local councils; it would also make it easier for government to overturn decisions where a council has been too influenced by the desire to pass the buck.

Meanwhile, though many planning authorities do a good job, increasing housing demand is leading to further planning delays and an escalation of land price. The new government will have to deal with a kettle coming to the boil.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW TAIT
(Chairman, New Homes
Environmental Group, 1988-90),
Orchard Croft, Grimms Hill,
Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.
April 23.

PC subsidy

From the President and the Director General of the Federation of the Electronics Industry

Sir, Several European countries, in order to maintain their competitiveness in the world economy, are considering the introduction of fiscal incentives for individuals or organisations to use personal computers and computer education.

The Swedish Department of Finance, for instance, has proposed that computer equipment supplied by companies to their employees for home education and electronic commerce should be free from tax under certain conditions; the French Government has recommended a VAT reduction of 5 to 7 per cent on home PC purchases; and the Irish Government is considering the introduction of tax allowances for the purchase of PCs for home use and for payment of fees for PC training.

May we suggest that our political parties consider fiscal incentives as part of their programmes to ensure that in the future the UK keeps up with the best in the world.

Yours faithfully,
K. CHAPPLE,
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ANTHONY PARISH,
Director General,
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Electronics Industry,
Russell Square House,
10-12 Russell Square, WC1.
April 18.

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Changing archaeology

From Professor Geoffrey Wainwright, Chief Archaeologist of English Heritage

Sir, I must disagree with Mr Tim Tatton-Brown when he says (letter, April 23) archaeology is stuck "in the doldrums". Changes in organisation and funding over the past decade are perceived, not surprisingly, as having led to a restriction of research. Mr Tatton-Brown and other critics usually equate research with archaeological excavation.

Archaeology, previously sponsored by monopoly public-funded bodies, is now split between developers who purchase archaeological services, contractors who compete to provide them and local authorities who set the requirements and then monitor and regulate standards.

The dramatic rise in excavations funded by developers is sometimes perceived as having poor research value. Such criticism betrays a misunderstanding of the policies and the opportunities.

Sites that would once have been destroyed through complete excavation are now being protected. Research results were often never published, but the new policies ensure that sites are there so that future research needs can be properly addressed.

Archaeological activity in England has increased from 1,000 excavations in 1984 to 2,500 in 1994. This level of activity has a rich research potential, the realisation of which is an exciting challenge facing the profession.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY WAINWRIGHT,
Chief Archaeologist,
English Heritage,
25 Savile Row, W1.
April 24.

Science and art in building design

From Mr John Pittuck

Sir, Whenever, it seems, the Prince of Wales and building design are mentioned in the same breath we can anticipate an accompanying polarisation of attitudes and opinions.

Mr Alan Beckett, FRICS, writing about the Prince's conference centre at Highgrove (letter, April 22), says that the two most important questions to ask about any construction are: "Does the new design satisfy all the client's requirements, and does the building work?"

If I were an architect I would also want and need to ask: "Is it aesthetically appealing, does it look good?" In other words, does it communicate other than its function and fitness of purpose? We must not assume that Mr Beckett's questions automatically take account of this key criterion in distinguishing building from architecture.

Whether or not the chartered building surveyor has been considered the poor relation to the architect, as Mr Beckett suggests, matters less than that everyone involved in the process of building design should demonstrate proper regard and respect for the balance between the science and the art employed. We need to encourage professional co-operation and shared ideals rather than argue the merits of who does what.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN PITTUCK,
Hillside Cottage,
62 Dunmow Road,
Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.
April 22.

From Mr H. B. McIlveen, FRIBA

Sir, There is a fundamental difference between architects and building surveyors. During a long and rigorous course of study, architects are trained to design buildings, building surveyors are not.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH McILVEEN,
Bowback, Honington,
Shipston on Stour, Warwickshire.
April 22.

From Mr Dennis Berry, FRIBA

Sir, Some 15 years ago, while dean of a faculty which contained schools of both architecture and surveying, I gave much thought to trying to bring these two professional courses closer together: that is, for the architects to gain a greater insight into the economics of building and for the surveyors to achieve some notion of design.

But, even with much goodwill on both sides, the efforts always failed, largely due to the disparity in time between the two courses: seven years for the architects and four years for the surveyors. The surveyors simply did not have enough time for the inclusion of any design theory, no matter how basic.

It is true that the average building designed by a surveyor, while rarely beautiful, is never actually lethal, as would be the results of a surgeon, say, who was denied any experience of an operating theatre during his training. This fact hardly justifies the abandonment of the architect's seven years of education and his protected status.

Yours faithfully,
DENNIS BERRY
(Dean, Faculty of Professional
Studies, Kingston Polytechnic,
1983-87),
11 Fairacre,
Acacia Grove, New Malden, Surrey.
April 22.

From Mr Derek Woolland, RIBA

Sir, I would not suggest for one moment that all buildings designed by registered architects are necessarily good, nor am I suggesting that those designed by non-qualified designers are necessarily poor. However, the removal of legal protection from the title "architect", as Mr Beckett suggests, would severely limit the means by which potential clients would be able to evaluate the competence of designers.

Mr Beckett rightly stresses the importance of the architect's responsibility to his client, but fails to mention the public for whom the built environment forms the enduring "backdrop" to society. It is not solely the Prince of Wales who will be the judge of the success or otherwise of the Orchard Room at Highgrove.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK WOOLLAND,
78 Ravensbury Road, SW18.
April 22.

Muses maligned?

From Mr John Clark

Sir, "Despised", "vulgar", "monstrosities" ... seldom have I read such wounding remarks about work by a contemporary artist as your Diary's description (April 26) of the statues of the nine muses at the Barbican Centre.

If aesthetics are the main consideration I would say preserve the muses and throw away the Barbican: perhaps functional, but surely one of the worst examples of British architecture ever.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN CLARK,
Old Barrack Farm,
Ebony, Tenterden, Kent.
April 28.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 28: The Princess Royal today visited Lancashire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (the Lord Shuttleworth).

Her Royal Highness, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this morning visited Grenfell Limited, Grenfell House, Rylands Street, Burnley.

The Princess Royal later visited Chorley and South Ribble District General Hospital, Preston Road, Chorley.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Butler Trust, this afternoon visited Lancaster Farms, Male Young Offender Institution and Remand Centre, Far Moor Lane, Stone Row Head, Lancaster.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 28: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Gurkha Rifles, this afternoon attended a parade to bring The Queen's Truncheon into Service with the Regiment at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, Camberley, Surrey.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will attend a reception at St James's Palace for the *Prayer Book Society's 25th* Anniversary at 5.00; and as President, The Prince's Trust, will attend *Jesus Christ Superstar* at the Lyceum Theatre, London WC1 at 7.20.

The Princess Royal, as President, the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, will attend the 50th Anniversary Awards, at the Albert Hall, at 6.50.

Toby Falk

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Toby Falk will be held at St George's, Hanover Square, London W1, on Tuesday, May 6, at noon.

Luncheon

Fruiterers' Company
Mr Derek Tullett, Master of the Fruiterers' Company, accompanied by the Wardens and Liverymen and their ladies, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at Athelhampton House, Dorset. Sir Edward du Cann also spoke. Earlier, the Master planted fruit trees in memory of Lady du Cann.

School news

Sibton Park Preparatory School
Sibton Park Preparatory School started its final term on Sunday, April 20. Old Girls wishing to attend *Open Day on June 21 and* Dance the previous evening are asked to telephone for details. Sports Day is on Saturday, July 5.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Mr Simon Braunholtz, Director of MORI local government research unit, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of *the* Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Elizabeth Cresswell presided.

Dinners

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were the hosts at a dinner held last night at Westminster City Hall. The Mayor and the Deputy Mayor of Geneva were present.

Freight Transport Association
Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth, Chairman of Tesco, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Freight Transport Association held last night at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Mr Graham D.N. Miller, president, was in the chair.

The night sky in May

By Michael J Hendrie
Astronomy Correspondent

MERCURY is a morning star throughout the month but will be too near the Sun for observation. It reaches greatest western elongation (25 degrees) on the 22nd.

Venus will be an evening star into 1998 but for much of the time will be rather near the Sun. By May 31 it will be setting an hour and a half *after the Sun and the* -3.9 magnitude planet may be seen very low in the northwestern sky after sunset. Its visibility *will not improve much until* October, becoming a conspicuous evening star over Christmas and the New Year.

Mars is now receding from the Earth passing from Leo into Virgo and fading to 0.0 magnitude by the 31st, when it will set by 01h. Moon nearby on the 16th.

Jupiter is in Capricornus and -2.5 magnitude rising by midnight on the 31st. Moon to the north on the 27th-28th.

Saturn is in Pisces and now north of the equator, rising by 02h at end May. At 0.8 magnitude it is still fainter than several of the first magnitude stars, but readily noticeable by its steady untwinkling aspect and creamy hue. Moon to the north on the 4th.

Uranus is in Capricornus and stationary on *the 13th. It* rises just before *midnight but* at 5.7 magnitude requires optical aid and an atlas showing fainter stars for identification.

Neptune is stationary on the 1st and then moves from *Capricornus* back into *Sagittarius* during the month. It rises by 23h on the 31st and at 8 magnitude is rather more difficult to find than Uranus. Moon to the north on the 26th-27th.

The Moon: New Moon 6d 21h, first quarter 14d 11h, full Moon 22d 09h, last quarter 29d 08h. The thin crescent Moon will be near Aldebaran on the evening of the 8th, as will Venus.

Sunset on the 1st is at 19h 25m and on the 31st at 20h 10m while sunrise is at 04h 30m and 03h 50m on the same dates. Astronomical twilight lasts all night from May 20 to *July 22* at the latitude of London and from early May to early August in Glasgow. Nautical twilight ends at 20h *50m and 22h 00m on the 1st* and 31st and begins again at 03h 05m and 01h 55m. The brighter stars and planets can be seen between the end of and beginning of nautical twilight, and it is a better guide than astronomical twilight during the *summer* when it is not really dark all night, even in southern England.

Comet Hale-Bopp must be the most widely observed comet of recent times. At last we have had a comet that lived up to predictions, and was easily visible to the naked eye in twilight, moonlight and from light-polluted areas for more than two months. However for us the show is nearing its end with the comet moving steadily southwards. It will be visible here during the early part of May in the northwest at dusk but by the time it is really dark it will be near to setting, so we will not see the comet as bright or the tail as long as it was in March and April, when it was at a good altitude in a dark sky.

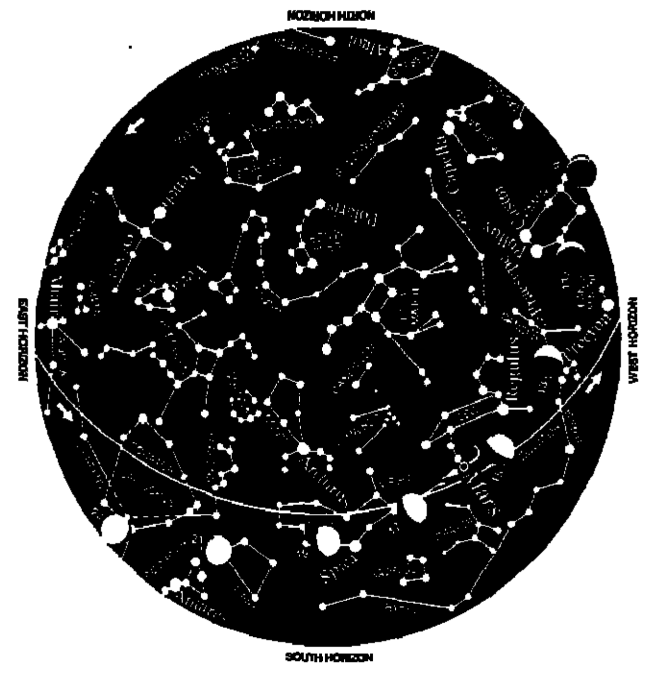
The comet is now fading a little having reached a maximum brightness of about -0.1 magnitude. By April 20 it was no brighter than 0 magnitude. The tail was much less spectacular, though this was partly due to bright moonlight. Tail lengths depend very much on the darkness of the sky and even at my not very dark site have reached 10 degrees: others may well report double that length.

My prediction that Hale-Bopp was unlikely to flare up in brightness after perihelion on April 1 seems to have been correct, but the plasma tail (of ionised gases) has shown much greater activity since my last report written towards the end of March. A run of clear nights in eastern England over Easter and into April enabled me to take photographs showing great changes in the tail structure from night to night. The plasma tail *shows up strongly on* blue-sensitive film and on some colour films, though it does not appear as bright to most eyes which are more sensitive to the green, yellow and red. The dust tail, being composed of very small solid particles, reflects sunlight of all colours and shows up more strongly to the eye.

In the telescope the inner part of the head has shown a series of concentric arcs or hoods, like the skins of an onion (drawn by some observers of the great comets of the last century). These features change from night to night and arise from gas and dust expelled from the nucleus, which provisional reports put at about 40 km across, as it rotates about once every 12 hours. These features could be seen in quite small telescopes and in bright twilight. The main or dust tail has been sharply curved, being concave at first towards the horizon and later to the right as the comet appeared in the evening sky. The less distinct plasma tail was to the left of the dust tail and pointed away from the horizon (and from the Sun below that horizon).

Comet Hale-Bopp is now moving away from the Sun and *Earth and during May* its distance from the Earth will increase from 265 to 340 million km, and its distance from *the Sun from 160 to 205* million km. The comet is expected to fade from about +0.5 at end April to +2.0 by end May and the tail will become shorter and fainter. The tail is also becoming more foreshortened as our viewpoint on Earth changes, and this will make it appear shorter too.

When the comet becomes generally visible in the southern hemisphere during May it is not expected to be the brilliant spectacle that it has been in the north, but it may still be the most visible comet for many years and southern observers will be able to follow it as it recedes and fades from view, not to return for another 3,000 years.



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h (11 pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-hour notation, is used in the accompanying notes unless otherwise stated.

Memorial service

Mr Peter Langdon-Davies
The Lord Chancellor was represented by Miss Liz Hutchinson at a memorial service for Mr Peter Langdon-Davies, former Chief Commons Commissioner, held yesterday at the Temple Church. Canon Joseph Robinson, Master of the Temple, officiated. Mr Derek Bond read the lesson.

Mr Harvey McGregor, QC, read from *The Journey of a Soul* by Pope John XXIII and Mr Oliver Knox, read from *A Walk in the Mountains*. Sir Godfray Le Quesne, QC, gave an address.

Among others present were:
Mrs Langdon-Davies (widow), Mr and Mrs Thomas Langdon-Davies (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Anthony Rybacki (son-in-law and daughter), Jane and Michael Langdon-Davies and James Rybacki (grandchildren), Mr Robin Langdon-Davies (brother), Mr and Mrs Jon King (brother-in-law and sister), and many friends and colleagues.

Lectures

The Royal Academy of Engineering/Royal Society Joint Lecture
Sir David Davies, CBE, FEng, FRS, President of The Royal Academy of Engineering, presided at the Joint Lecture held last night at 6 Carlton House Terrace, London. The guest lecturer was Professor Alec Broers, FEng, FRS, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, who spoke on 'Innovation, Invention and Insight - Can we classify technological innovation?'.

Institute of Biology
Professor Richard Dawkins delivered the Fourth Huxley Lecture "Is evolution progressive?" to members of the Institute of Biology on Thursday, April 24, at The Royal Society, London. Professor Brian Heap CBE, FRS, President, presided at the Institute's 48th AGM held earlier.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr N. Stephenson
and Miss D. Stewart-Clark**
The engagement is announced between Nick, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Stephenson, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire, and Daphne, eldest daughter of Sir Jack and Lady Stewart-Clark, of Cowden, Kent.

**Mr J.R. Bryer
and Miss H.R. Cox**
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Bryer, of Topsham, Devon, and Hermione, daughter of Mr Simon Cox, of Tomatin, Inverness-shire, and Mrs Ruth Marshall, of Ardleigh, Essex.

**Mr B. Goffinet
*and Miss S. Patrick***
The engagement is announced between Brendan, son of M and Mme Jean-Claude Goffinet, of Torgny, Belgium, and Samantha, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Ollis, of Moreton Morrell, Warwick.

**Mr S.M. Orange
and Miss D.R. Heagerty**
The engagement is announced between Stephen, only son of Mr John Orange, of Fornham All Saints, Suffolk, and Mrs Trissa Orange, of Wandsworth, London, and Dawn, only daughter of the Revd and Mrs Alistair Heagerty, of Kingswood, Bristol.

Marriage

**Mr J.M. Shulman
and Miss S.A. Irvine**
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 26, at Crown Court Church of Scotland, London, of Mr Jason Michael Shulman, son of Mr and Mrs Milton Shulman, of London SW1, and Miss Susan Aurora Irvine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Irvine, of Lanark, *Scotland*.

Birthdays today

Mr Andre Agassi, tennis player, 27; Mr Frank Auerbach, painter, 66; Mr Jonah Barrington, squash player, 56; Mr Dean Bell, rugby league player, 35; Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, 55; Mr Tom Clarke, Editor, *Sporting Life*, 58; Mr Daniel Day-Lewis, actor, 40; Baroness Dean of Thornton-le-Fylde, 54; Mrs Ruth Deech, Principal, St Anne's College, Oxford, 54; General Sir Peter de la Billière, 63; Mr Lonnie Donegan, skiffle musician and singer, 66; Mr D.S. Elliott, former director, Museum of Modern Art, Oxford, 48; His Honour Israel Finestein, QC, former president, Board of Deputies of British Jews, 76; Dame Rennie Fritchie, former chairman, South and West Regional Health Authority, 55; Sir Patrick Hamill, former Chief Constable, Strathclyde, 67; Sir Kenneth James, diplomat, 71; Miss Zizi Jeanmaire, dancer, 73; Professor David Johns, Vice-Chancellor, Bradford University, 66; Sir Anthony Laughton, oceanographer, 70; Miss Elizabeth Lawson, QC, 50; Mr Rod McKuen, poet and composer, 64; Mr Zubin Mehta, conductor, 61; Mr Johnny Miller, golfer, 50; Mr A.W. Nicol, former chairman, South Western Electricity, 64; Sir Fraser Noble, Principal Emeritus, Aberdeen University, 79; Sir Ronald Norman, chairman, Teesside Development Corporation, 60; General Sir Patrick Palmer, Constable and Governor of Windsor Castle, 64; Miss Michelle Pfeiffer, actress, 40; Professor B.D. Ripley, statistician, 45; Lord Rothschild, 61; Mr Jeremy Thorpe, former leader, Liberal Party, 68; Mr David Tindle, painter, 65; Professor Heinz Wolff, bioengineer, 69.

Fletchers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Fletchers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Major-General A.P.W. MacLellan; Upper Warden, Mr R.H. Upton; Renter Warden, Mr D.M. Dixon.

Church in Wales

Diocese of Swansea and Brecon
The Rev Martin J. Batchelor, Minor Canon of Brecon Cathedral and Curate Brecon w Battle w Llanddew to be Curate of Sketty.
The Rev Annette Francis, Curate of Belmont (diocese of London) to be Curate of Cockett, Swansea.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS:
John Arbuthnot, physician, Arbuthnott, Kincardineshire, 1667; Sir James Brooke, Rajah of Sarawak 1841-68, Benares, 1803; *Thomas Trollope, writer, Bloomsbury*, London, 1810; Alexander II, Tsar of Russia 1855-81, St Petersburg, 1818; William Randolph Hearst, newspaper proprietor, San Francisco, 1865; Sir Thomas Beecham, conductor, St Helens, Lancashire, 1879; Sir Malcolm Sargent, conductor, Ashford, Kent, 1895; *Duke Ellington, pianist and* bandleader, Washington, 1899; Michinomiya Hirohito, Emperor of Japan 1926-89, Tokyo, 1901.

DEATHS:
John Cleveland, Royalist poet, London, 1658; Sir Alfred Hitchcock, film director-producer, Los Angeles, 1980.

Women were granted permission to sit examinations at Oxford, 1885.

A telephone link was established between Britain and Australia, 1930.

British Aerospace was founded, 1977.

University news

Stirling
The university is to confer the following honorary degrees at ceremonies to be held on June 26 and 27 in Gannochy National Tennis Centre:
Doctor of the university:
Nathan Cohen, contribution to the film industry
Professor Alasdair McIntyre, contribution to marine biology
William Boyd, the author, contribution to literature
Master of Arts:
Pat Greenhill, contribution to the local community and the university

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Catherine Durnford, Assistant Curate, Selby Abbey: to be Vicar, New Marske and Priest-in-charge, Wilton (York).
The Rev Vivian Enever, Curate, St *Jude, Stockbridge Village* (Liverpool): to be Team Vicar designate, Halesowen Team Ministry, w responsibility for Romsley (Worcester).
The Rev Kevin Garrett, Priest-in-charge, St Michael and All Angels, Loughton (Chelmsford): to be Vicar, Dover St Martin (Canterbury).
The Rev Mike Gilbert, Assistant Curate, Chapeltown, Sheffield: to be Vicar, Brightside w Wincobank (*Sheffield*).
The Rev Michael Goater, Vicar, St Augustine's, Endcliffe, Sheffield: to be *also* Vocations Officer (Recruit*ment*) (Sheffield).
The Rev Stuart Goddard, Curate, Watling Valley (Oxford): to be Associate Minister, Bowthorpe (Norwich).
The Rev Dennis Handley, Vicar, Christ Church, Liversedge, and Priest-in-charge, St Barnabas, Hightown: to be Vicar, Ripponden w Rishworth and Barkisland w West Scammonden (Wakefield).
The Rev David Harrex, Vicar, Pilning w Compton Greenfield: to *be also Rural Dean of Westbury* and Severnside (Bristol).
The Rev Stephen Holmes, Priest-in-charge, Mablethorpe and Trusthorpe (Lincoln): to be Vicar, *Hadleigh, St Barnabas* (Chelmsford).
The Rev Harry Hopkins, Vicar, Middlesbrough, St Thomas: to be Vicar, North Thornaby (York).
The Rev Phillip Jefferies, Vicar, Horninglow: to be *also* Rural Dean of Tutbury (Lichfield).
The Rev Trevor Jones, Vicar, St Saviour, *Saltley and Shaw Hill*, St Mary and St John (Birmingham): to be Vicar, St Peter, London Docks w St John, Wapping (London).
The Rev Stuart Lees, Assistant Priest, Holy Trinity w St Paul, Onslow Square: to be Priest-in-charge, Christ Church, Fulham (London).
The Rev Jack Lusted, Curate, Southwick: to be Rector, Lurgashall, Lodsworth and Sel*ham (Chichester)*.
The Rev Colin Midlane, Team Vicar, Haywards Heath St Wilfrid: to be Assistant Curate, Brighton Kemp Town St George (Chichester).
The Rev John Musson, Curate, Christ Church, North Finchley (London): to be Priest-in-charge, Lynchmere and Camelsdale (Chichester).
The Rev David Peebles, Chaplain of Queen Mary and Westfield College, *University of London: to* be *also* Priest-in-charge, St Matthew, Bethnal Green (London).

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BIRTHS

BATCHELOR - On 24th April 1997, to Geraldine (née Flatley) and Alex, a daughter, Phoebe Catherine, a sister for Emily.

BAWANY - On April 25th at The Portland Hospital, to Amina (née Tabba) and Aziz, a daughter, Iqra, our first child.

CHAPPATTE - On April 26th 1997, to Sarah (née Lang) and Philippe, a daughter, Hannah, a sister for Sam and Jessica.

COOKE - On 25th April 1997, to Libby (née Reid) and Gordon, a son, Timothy Renwick Reid, a brother for John.

CUNNINGHAM - On 21st April, to Rebecca (née Davies-Jones) and Clive, a son, Edward Dominic James, a brother for Benjamin.

DE HAVILLAND - On April 24th at The Portland Hospital, to Zoe and Robert, a beautiful daughter, Kathryn Frances.

DIMOND - On 23th April, 1997, in Budapest to Samantha (née Cross) and Mark, a daughter, Eleanor Sarah.

FIRTH - On April 26th 1997, to Fiona (née Hill) and Mark, a son, a brother for Hugo and Oliver.

LINDSAY - On April 22nd at The Portland Hospital, to Christa and Ian, a daughter, Isabel Rose.

McLEAN - On 24th April 1997, to Amanda (née Abrahams) and Kerry, a daughter, Fiona Charlotte.

MORTON - On April 27th in London, to Christina and Anthony, a daughter.

PATRICK - To Kate and Rupert on April 23rd, a daughter, Rose Victoria, a sister for Jamie and Emily.

POINDEXTER - On April 18th at The Portland Hospital, to Kevin and Verna, a son, Jackson, a gift of infinite value.

PONSONBY - On 25th April at Wallingford Community Hospital, to Suzanne (née Walker) and Simon, a son, Andrew Christian, a brother for Elizabeth.

QUIGLEY - On 23rd April, to Caroline (née Losse) and Mark, a son, Andrew, a brother for James.

RYDER RICHARDSON - Born Friday 25th April 1997, to Catherine and Jonathan, a son, Tobias James. A cousin for Jack, Annie, Tess, Nick, Ben, James and Charlie.

SHERWOOD - On April 25th at The Portland Hospital, to Rosemary (née Staple) and Charles, a daughter, Tatiana, a sister for Timothy and Tabitha.

VAN WOERKOM - On April 22nd, to Rem and Tessa (née Battcock), two sons and a daughter, Sebastian, Max and Saskia.

BIRTHS

WAKABAYASHI - On April 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Keiko and Hironobu, a son, Tatsuki.

WHITTING - On 20th April 1997, to Emma (née Fallon) and John, a son, Thomas John.

MARRIAGES

IVE:WALL - On April 26th 1997 at St Mary's Parish Church, Friston, Suffolk, between Simon John Andrew, the younger son of the late Mr E.B. Ive of Hale, Cheshire and Mrs I.C. Ive of New Milton, to Christine Penelope, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Wall of Kelstedge, Derbyshire.

DEATHS

AGLEN - Peacefully at home on April 23rd, the Rev. Elizabeth Senga of Gracey Court, Broadclyst, Exeter and previously of Upavon, Wilts. In her 82nd year. Funeral at Broadclyst Parish Church on Thursday 8th May, 3 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Exeter Hospice c/o Le-Roy F/S, 10 Alphington Road, Exeter.

ASHWELL - Joan of Barnes, London, beloved mother of Anne, Susan and Peter, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Sunday April 27th after a long and courageous fight. Funeral at 12.45 pm Friday May 2nd, Putney Vale Crematorium.

BAILEY - Wilhelmina, died on Tuesday 22nd April 1997. Wife of the late Professor S.J. Bailey, mother of Arnold, Joan and John. Funeral Service in the West Chapel, Cambridge City Crematorium on Friday May 2nd at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Alzheimers Disease Society or The British Heart Foundation. All enquiries c/o Harry Williams & Son, tel: (01223) 359480.

BAKER - Sir Nicholas, on April 25th 1997. Peacefully at home. Much loved husband of Carol and loving father of Matthew and Annabel. Funeral Service to be held at Wimborne Minster, Wimborne, Dorset at 2 pm on Friday, May 9th. Service of Thanksgiving in London to be announced. Any enquiries to Nicholas O'Hara, Funeral Directors, 01202 882134.

BICKFORD SMITH - On Sunday 27th April suddenly but after a long illness Miranda died. Funeral private. Memorial Service to be announced later.

DEATHS

BIRD - James Harold. Professor of Geography at The University of Southampton and beloved husband of Olwen. Suddenly on April 24th 1997, aged 73. Funeral Service at Southampton Crematorium on Friday May 2nd at 3.30 pm, East Chapel. Flowers to Jno. Steel & Son, 163 Hursley Road, Chandlers Ford, Hants. SO53 1JH.

BOTT - William George Esq. A.R.C.S., B.Sc. Peacefully on April 26th 1997 at Wardington House, Oxfordshire, aged 87 years. Formerly secretary of S.H.J.B. Examinations (Bristol). Beloved father of Elizabeth, Andrew, Georgina, Victoria, Caroline and Julian and loving grandfather of Luke, Kate, Sam and Toby. Funeral Service at Wardington Parish Church, near Banbury, Friday, 9th May at 11 am. Donations in lieu of flowers please, for Wardington House and all enquiries to J&M Humphris, 32 Albert Street, Banbury, Oxon (01295) 265424.

CAMROSE - Viscountess, born 22nd April 1908, beloved Mother of H.H. The Aga Khan and Prince Amyn Aga Khan, died peacefully at her home on 25th April. Following her wishes the funeral service will be private for family members only, followed by a Memorial Service to be announced later.

CROSS - Kenneth Frederick (Ken) of Stoneygate, Leicester. Loving husband of Sue. Dear father of Stephen, Malcolm and the late Vivian. Grandfather to Sarah. Passed peacefully away after an illness courageously borne. Funeral Service at Kettering Crematorium, Northants. (Edgar Newman Chapel) on Thursday May 1st at 11.30am. Flowers and enquiries please to A.J. Adkinson & Son Funeral Directors, 12 London Road, Oadby, Leics. LE2 5DG, tel: (0116) 271 2340.

DAVIES - On April 26th 1997 peacefully in his 98th year Dr. David John Davies J.P., F.R.C.S., (sometime scholar of Cardiff University and Middlesex Hospital), devoted husband of the late Gladys, dearly loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Enquiries Messrs. H. Whalley and Sons, 94 Ripon Street, Preston, tel: (01772) 254936.

DUNFORD - Charles Roy suddenly at home on Thursday April 24th 1997. Charles Roy Dunford, very dearly loved husband of Monica and the late Joyce, a special father to Neil and Jill and a loved grandfather of the family. Funeral private.

EDGECOMBE - Greville John Brookes AFC AAC on 23rd April. Beloved husband to Rose, loving father of Philippa, Kim and Donna, father-in-law to Robert and grandfather of Christopher. Service at St John the Baptist R.C. Church, Alexandra Road, Andover, on Tuesday 6th May at 2 pm. Flowers or donations for Friends of St Thomas' Hospital may be sent c/o Halcrow & Sons Funeral Directors, Bridge Street, Andover, tel: (01264) 335255.

EVANS - Peacefully on 23rd April after a long illness borne with great dignity, Kay, of Rhiwbina Cardiff adored wife of the late Arthur Hopkin Evans. Sadly missed by all her family and friends. Resting at James Summers & Son, Roath Court, Newport Road, Cardiff until the service at Thornhill Crematorium on Thursday May 1st at 4.30pm. Flowers may be sent to Roath Court if desired, or donations made to British Heart Foundation, 14 Fitzhardinge Street, London W1H 4DH.

FENWICK - Col. William James who served God all his life in the UK, Germany and Kenya, was promoted to glory peacefully on the morning of Sunday 27th April aged 86. He will be greatly missed by his wife Eva, his daughter Jan, his son Stuart, their families and the hundreds of people whose lives he touched. A service of thanksgiving for his remarkable life will be held at the Salvation Army Hall, Baldock Street, Ware, Herts. on 6th May at 1.30 pm. No flowers please but donations if desired to the William Fenwick Fund for the work of the Salvation Army in Ware & Kenya, c/o the Salvation Army, address as above.

GALL - Colin Alfred on April 23rd as the result of a tragic accident. Beloved husband of Francine, father of Amanda, Patrick and Simon, grandfather of Amy and Thomas, brother of Adronie. Funeral Service on May 2nd at 1.45 pm at Tirley Church, followed by private cremation. Enquiries B. Sweet & Sons (01684) 293180.

GLATTHAR - Eitel Friedrich Leopold on Wednesday April 16th 1997 at home in Bristol. Much loved husband of Audrey, father of Christopher, Jonathan and the late Nicholas, grandfather of Robert and William. Funeral Service took place in Bristol on Saturday April 19th. Donations if desired to St Peter's Hospice, 20 St Agnes Road, Knowle, Bristol BS4 2DU.

GRANT - On 28th April 1997, suddenly in hospital, W.D. Gordon Grant in his 95th year. Formerly Chairman of William Grant and Sons Ltd. Beloved husband of Doris, dear father of Anne and Elizabeth and a wonderful grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service Thursday 1st May, 11.30 am at Poole Crematorium, Dorset. Flowers may be sent to Deric-Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Bournemouth.

HALLIDAY - Douglas on 23rd April, 1997. Much loved husband of Patsy and father of Patrick and Tom. Funeral Service at Cherington Church on Friday, 2nd May at 12 noon. Flowers to R. Locke & Son, Upper Brailes, 01295 686274 or donations if desired to R.N.L.I.

HEMINGWAY - On April 28th, 1997 peacefully at home, Philip Henry, aged 93 years. Beloved husband of the late Gaynor. Funeral Service in the Church of Lady St Mary, Wareham, Dorset on Tuesday May 6th at 11.30 am. Flowers or donations for the 'Marie Curie Cancer Care', may be sent to Albert Marsh (Funeral Directors) Ltd, St Michaels Road, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 4QU. Tel: (01929) 552107.

HOPE - On 23rd April. Peacefully in Totnes Community Hospital, Devon. Richard aged 75 years. Beloved husband of Shirley-Anne and the late Pat Hodgkins. Loving father of David and Frances and grandfather of Daniel and Matthew. Funeral Service at Torquay Crematorium on Wednesday 30th April at 3.30pm. Enquiries Ferring Funeral Services (01803) 862417.

JAMES - Bridget Vyvian on April 26th 1997 at Leicester BUPA Hospital, devoted sister of Jill Pringle and much loved aunt of Anthony, Geoffrey and Robert. Funeral private. No flowers by request, donations if so desired may be sent for Cancer Research (to whom all cheques should be made payable) c/o Ginns & Gutteridge, Funeral Directors of Leicester, tel: (0116) 2516117.

JONES - Peacefully after a short illness at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary on Friday April 25th, 1997 Dr Colin Jones (B.P. Exploration Consultant) aged 61 years South Minnes, Foveran. Much loved husband of Janet and father of Miranda. Service in St Mary on the Rock, Ellon on Friday May 2nd at 12.30 pm. All friends respectfully invited. Cremation thereafter private. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired at church door for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

KENNARD - James Spencer aged 23 on April 24th suddenly as a result of a motor accident in Cape Town. Much loved son of Martin and Caroline, brother of Elizabeth and grandson of Anthony Spencer and step-grandson of Lorna.

KINDERSLEY - Catherine Margaret (McNeil) wife of the late Geoffrey William Kindersley died peacefully at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, 25th April 1997 in her 97th year. Survived by 4 children, 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, beloved by all.

LEE-UFF - Harry, aged 82. Peacefully in his chair April 25th. Service Chichester Crematorium May 6th 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations to RNLI c/o Holland & Son, 3 Jubilee Road, Chichester (01243) 782965.

LOVELL - Anthony peacefully at home on April 25th. Greatly loved and much missed husband of Marion, son of Irene, father of Clare and Charles, grandfather of Victoria, father-in-law of Richard. Funeral Service at St Michael and All Angels Church, Hughenden, High Wycombe, Bucks. on Friday 2nd May at 3.30 pm followed by committal at Amersham Crematorium at 4.30 pm. Family flowers only, if desired, donations to the Injured Jockeys Fund c/o Surman and Horwood, 25 High Street, Princes Risborough HP27 0AE.

LYDALL - On 27th April 1997, peacefully in Goring-on-Thames, after a long illness and wonderful care at The Grange, Geoffrey Hawthorne, aged 85, much loved uncle, great-uncle and friend. Cremation at Reading Crematorium on Thursday 8th May at 2.30 pm. No flowers but donations to Royal Alfred Seafarers Society c/o Lovegroves, 58 Briants Avenue, Caversham, RG4 5BA.

MACKEY - Margaret, suddenly, at home, on 25th April 1997 in her 94th year, much loved Nanny to the Goslett and many other families. Funeral on Friday 2nd May at 1 pm at St Pius X Church, 79 St Charles Square, London W10. Flowers to John Nodes, Funeral Directors, 181 Ladbroke Grove, W10 6HH. Tel: 0181 969 1819.

McLEAN - John A.L. April 27th 1997, suddenly in his sleep, beloved husband of the late Diana, brother of Patsy, father of Jane, Simon and Sara, grandfather to Matthew, Susie and Emily, Eleanor, Tim and Sophie, Felicity and Alexandra. Funeral Service 11 am, Friday 2nd May at St Thomas's Parish Church, Eglantine Avenue, Belfast.

PATTON - Dr. John Lawrence died peacefully at the age of 81 on 26th April. No flowers please. Donations to the Alzheimers Disease Society. Much loved by all his family.

SAMUEL - A Service for Eric, late of Sandton, will be held on Friday 2nd May in Johannesburg at 3 pm prior to a private cremation. Donations in lieu of flowers should be sent to the Hospice Association, PO Box 87600, Houghton 2041, South Africa.

SHERCLIFF - Caroline (Carolyn), much loved sister of Robin and friend of Janet, died on 26th April aged 56 at North Kensington after a long and difficult illness. Requiem at St John's, Ladbroke Grove, on Tuesday 6th May at 12 noon. Family flowers/donations for Pembridge Unit, St Charles Hospital, to John Nodes & Sons, 181 Ladbroke Grove, London W10, tel: (0181) 969-1819.

STEWART - Professor W.A.C., formerly of Keele University, died suddenly at Keele on April 23rd following an accident. Funeral planned for 2 pm May 1st at Keele University Chapel followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations to Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture c/o Salt Undertakers, 28 Bridge Street, Newcastle-under-Lyme ST5 2RY.

SWINBURNE-JOHNSON - Jean Margaret (née Mackenzie-Wallis) on St Georges Day, suddenly at home. Much loved mother and grandmother. Family cremation. Memorial Service at Church of the Holy Rood at Ampney Crucis on Thursday 5th June at 2.30pm.

TOLLEY - Roger John on April 24th, 1997, after a brave fight against cancer. Dearly loved husband of Ghita and father of Caroline, Nicola and Jane and Mark, step-father to Ian and Robert. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Cremation at Royal Tunbridge Wells Crematorium, 12.30pm Friday 2nd May 1997. Family flowers only please. Donations to The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, c/o Care for the Wild, 1 Ashfold, Horsham Road, Rusper, West Sussex RH12 1BQ.

WARD - On April 25th 1997 passed away peacefully at Littlehampton Nursing Home at the age of 96, Doreen (née Christopherson). Family flowers only please. Donations if desired for "St Mary's Church Clymping" may be sent c/o and all enquiries to H.D. Tribe Ltd., 5 Surrey Street, Littlehampton, West Sussex, tel: (01903) 732986.

YOUNG - Geoffrey Douglas Pulford, Lt. Col. (retired) on April 25th, unexpectedly in Cheltenham. Dearly loved husband and friend of Gillian, loving father of Liz, Juliet and Merlin and a proud grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at Cheltenham Crematorium on Friday 2nd May at 1.30pm. Family flowers only. Enquiries tel: W.S. Trenhaile Funeral Directors (01242) 224897.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BOND - Godfrey. A Memorial Service for Godfrey Bond, Emeritus Fellow of Pembroke College and formerly Public Orator of the University of Oxford will be held in the University Church of St Mary, High Street, Oxford on Saturday May 10th 1997 at 2.30pm. Tea will be served afterwards in Pembroke College. Those who wish to attend are asked to write to: The Bursar, Pembroke College, Oxford.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

MATHER - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of the late May Alexandra (Biddy) Mather will be held in the Chapel, St Edward's School, Oxford on Saturday 17th May 1997 at 12 noon, by kind permission of the Warden.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

BARTHORPE - To Peggy Barthorpe who died April 27th 1991 "those who knew you will never forget you" Eric.

DEAR - Denis Mansfield on 28th April 1993. Many happy memories of a greatly loved husband and father. Peggy, Geoffrey and Anne.

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THE REV PROFESSOR W. MOELWYN MERCHANT

The Rev Professor W. Moelwyn Merchant, Shakespearean scholar and sculptor, died in Leamington Spa on April 22 aged 83. He was born at Port Talbot on June 5, 1913.

In a life of great variety, Moelwyn Merchant applied his colourful talents and abundant energies in a number of spheres. He was an Anglican clergyman and a canon of Salisbury Cathedral; he was from 1961 to 1974 Professor of English at Exeter University; he was a prolific sculptor, a poet and had latterly published a number of novels.

As a scholar he was more prolific as an editor than as a writer, though his study, *Shakespeare and the Artist*, is an absorbing account of Shakespearean production down the ages. It announced an informed interest in the staging of the works of Shakespeare which was to permeate his teaching. This was underpinned by his involvement in the founding of the Northcott Theatre at Exeter, the first modern theatre to be built in the South West of England.

Merchant's contribution to English studies lay, perhaps, not so much in his writings as in his personality and the effect he had on others. To generations of English students at Exeter he is remembered for generating an enthusiasm for the subject which permeated their lives to a greater extent than is, perhaps, general in undergraduates. He so manifestly liked young people. He took an infectious delight in any extra-curricular activity, whether it might be leading a Shakespeare seminar to Stratford-upon-Avon or inviting students round to his home to make a recording of Beat poetry (and sample his wife's delicious teas). His students reciprocated this enthusiasm by giving their own tutors no rest, dragging them into bars and pubs in their off-duty hours and compelling them to continue the literary debate until closing time and beyond.

In the young Exeter University of those days (it had previously been a university college of London), Merchant galvanised his department into a position of pre-eminence and put English at the centre of intellectual activity. With a staff containing men like John Speirs, Patrick Cruttwell, H. A. Mason, and K. W. Salter, it was generally regarded as second, after Cambridge, in the country. It was also a broad church which provided harbourage both for fugitive Leavisites and those who were fundamentally opposed to the dogmatism of the Master.

Merchant defended his fief against the material claims of other departments with jealousy and guile. Many a rival arts faculty professor who thought he had got the better of the head of English over some administrative detail at a faculty board meeting, would find himself suddenly outmanoeuvred and confounded.

Merchant's mercurial character and his priestly calling gave his lectures something of an evangelical quality. Speaking without notes, he seldom stayed at the podium for long, preferring, rather, to range up and down the aisles of the lecture hall and dart the subject of his discourse at his audience seated to left and right of him.

His Shakespeare lecture to the University Summer School — which attracted both undergraduate and postgraduate students of the highest quality from all over the world — was legendary. Iron-souled theoreticians of the English schools of Göttingen and Marburg were, in spite of themselves, overwhelmed by the sheer fervour of his address. His impassioned exordium, delivered in his lilting Welsh tenor: "I believe Shakespeare's *King Lear* to be the greatest work of art ever to be created, in any medium, by any man," resounded in English faculties throughout the universities of Europe.

Merchant's retirement from the Exeter chair saw no diminution of his activities. Returning to Wales for a period, he was Vicar of Llanddewi Brefi for several years; he published several volumes of poems; he wrote a number of novels and an award-winning autobiography; and he sculpted energetically, exhibiting in venues from Plymouth to London and from Aberystwyth to Glasgow.

William Moelwyn Merchant was educated at Port Talbot Grammar and University College, Cardiff, where he took degrees in English and History in 1933 and 1934. He then taught history for a year at Carmarthen Grammar School before moving to Newport High School to teach English and thence to Caerleon Training College. He joined the staff of University College, Cardiff, in 1939.

By the time he went to the chair at Exeter in 1961 he had already published his *Wordsworth's Guide to the Lakes* (1952) with its illustrations by John Piper. This was followed by his edition of Wordsworth for the Reynard Library in 1955. He also did editions of Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice* and Marlowe's *Edward the Second*.

His own best-known book, *Shakespeare and the Artist* (1959), explored the history of stage design and the increasing involvement of major European painters in that process. It also set a trend for what became the "literature and the visual arts" arm of English studies in which Merchant was a pioneer, establishing a degree in English and the Fine Arts (as well as English and Music).

Merchant had been ordained a priest in 1940. From 1960 he spent a good deal of the time during four pleasant years as biblical adviser and co-writer, with Christopher Fry and others, on John Huston's epic film *The Bible*. It sharpened Merchant's appetite for travel and he had the knack of "collecting" research students from around the world for the graduate school. In 1966 he brought Ted Hughes to Exeter as poet in residence. His passion for music led to his writing the libretto of Alun Hoddinott's oratorio *The Tree of Life* (1972), among other works by the composer.

After his retirement from the Exeter chair, Merchant was vicar of Llanddewi Brefi from 1974 to 1978. It was characteristic of him that the duties of that remote rural cure could not entirely absorb his energies, and in 1975 this tiny Cardiganshire village found itself with an arts festival.

From Wales he retired to Leamington Spa, but this "retirement" saw no diminution of his creative impulse. He published three volumes of poetry and, in 1987, his first novel *Jeshua*, at the ripe old age of 74. This was followed by several more: *Fire From the Heights* (1989), *A Bundle of Papyrus* (1989) and *Triple Heritage* (1994). At the same time numerous one-man shows of his sculptures were held throughout Britain. An activity that gave him particular pleasure in the last years of his life was the lectures he gave at Eton College, and his being made an honorary member of the Old Etonian Association in 1990.

Moelwyn Merchant married, in 1938, Maria Eluned (Lynne) Hughes. He is survived by her and by a son and a daughter.

MARGERY MANNERS

Margery Manners, variety artiste and singer, died on April 27 aged 71. She was born on March 18, 1926.

MARGERY MANNERS was one of Britain's most respected and best loved variety artistes. In a career that spanned more than half a century she topped bills throughout the country, played the London Palladium on several occasions, as well as being a noted singer on radio.

Her life in showbusiness fell neatly into two parts. As a young girl she was a notable principal boy in pantomimes and often compared to her contemporaries, or indeed rivals, Dorothy Ward and Pat Kirkwood because of her shapely figure. In later years the figure became more portly and — much to Manners's delight — critics would describe her as a latter-day Florrie Forde, the well-known rotund music hall performer. She was flattered by the comparison and once quipped: "When I was a child in the Midlands people would say they would go to see Florrie because of her 'bum'. So I'm following in her footsteps."

Margery Manners was born in Coventry and made her first appearance as a child singer and dancer in 1937 at the Paramount Cinema in Birmingham in a "cine variety" show. Cine Variety was the most popular entertainment of the day where an audience could see two films, a newsreel, a variety show, personal appearances by film stars, and all of it for usually sixpence.

She was contracted to appear in such shows, her speciality being that of singing, playing the banjo and sometimes the ukelele. After being spotted in the provinces by Moss Empires, she made her first London appearance at the East Ham Palace in 1940 where she starred alongside "Big" Bill Campbell in a Western show where she played a cowgirl. The show was so successful that Moss Empires took it on tour for more than two years.

During the Second World War she was the youngest performer ever to appear for Ensa, touring the Orkneys and Iceland and singing on battleships at Scapa Flo alongside Doris Hare, Douglas Byng and Tommy Trinder. After 15 months' service she received warm letters of congratulation for her war effort from the administrator of Ensa, Basil Dean, and also from the actor Sir Seymour Hicks.

She renewed her contract with Stoll Moss after the war and appeared in no fewer than 16 pantomimes at leading theatres as a dashing principal boy alongside such comedians as Arthur Askey, Vic Oliver, Ted Ray and Jewell and Warriss.

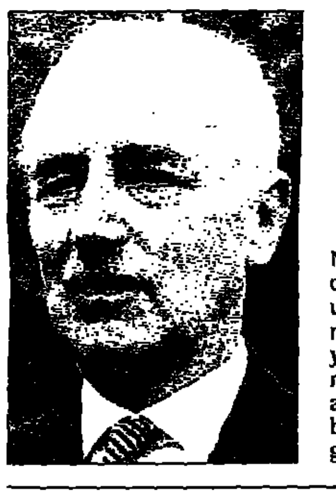
During the 1960s she was in demand for smaller provincial variety bills as a guest star but it was in 1969 that she was virtually rediscovered by the producer Audrey Lane who gave her billing in what was to become the long running show The Golden Years of Music Hall. This was an extraordinary show made up of music hall legends who included Bob and Alf Pearson, Nat Jackley, Elsie and Doris Waters and Sandy Powell. It opened to rave reviews at the West Pier in Brighton and was a sellout at the box office and subsequently transferred to South Africa, where it played for more than five years. It was there that she met her husband Walter Gradner, who was serving as the Mayor of Cape Town, and during the run of the show she suddenly eloped with him.

After returning to England in the 1970s, ill-health forced her into semi-retirement but she was coaxed out of it by the comedian Roy Hudd to top the bill at the London Palladium in 1975 for a special show organised by the British Music Hall Society. She received a standing ovation on her entrance and sang her signature tune *Bring Me The Sunshine of Your Smile*. A photograph of her still hangs in the Palladium Hall of Fame.

She was an active charity worker throughout her life, most notably for the Grand Order of Lady Ratlings, of which she had been a member for many years and later for the Stars Organisation for Spastics.

Her husband predeceased her.

ALFRED BADEN FULLER



Alfred Baden Fuller, barrister and Commons Commissioner, died on March 27 aged 90. He was born on January 1, 1907.

NOBODY in 1965 foresaw the quantity of litigation and popular interest which the Commons Registration Act of that year would produce. This Act made it necessary to register any land which was claimed to be a common or a village green. It created commissioners to adjudicate upon whether registrations should be confirmed.

When Alfred Baden Fuller was appointed in 1972 as one of the three commissioners, he was told that there was only another five years' work to be done. In fact, the number of claims so much exceeded expectation that he and his fellow commissioners were still at work 18 years later.

Disputes over common land often aroused strong emotions in the local community. A commissioner required not only a detailed knowledge of one of the least known areas of English law but also the ability to be fair to the numerous contending parties.

Baden Fuller had both the legal learning and the human qualities required. Dartmoor was his triumph. Most commons are fairly small. But when between April and September 1982 he sat to determine the commoners' rights on Dartmoor there were 1,009 registrations to consider affecting pieces of land which together amounted to more than 50 square miles.

With such keen popular interest and so many claimants involved, a large hall was needed to accommodate the hearings at Plymouth. Baden Fuller's necessarily lengthy judgment in that case was described as a legal tour de force. He was responsible for other decisions relating to moorland such as the Black Mountain in Dyfed.

Before his appointment as a Commons Commissioner, Baden Fuller was one of the small number of "senior juniors" at the Chancery Bar, a class usually unknown to the wider public, but who commanded great respect within the legal profession.

Educated at Uppingham School he went on to Balliol College, Oxford, as a mathematics scholar in 1925 and gained first-class honours in mathematics. While at university he took up mountaineering.

Alfred Aubone Baden Fuller was called to the Chancery Bar in 1930 and became the pupil of Stafford Crossman (the father of the future Labour Cabinet Minister). In 1932 he joined the set of Chambers of which his father Frank Baden Fuller was then the head. His progress at the Bar was interrupted by the outbreak of war in 1939, when he joined the RAF. By the time he came back from the war in 1946 his father had died and only two other members of the prewar set remained. They had, like him, been away fighting and had to rebuild their practices.

Baden Fuller now became head of chambers himself and for the next 26 years carried on a successful and varied practice. Trusts, wills, estate duty, landlord and tenant disputes and wardship of minors all formed a part of his work but he had a particular mastery of Chancery procedure, above all in the administration of estates.

Several times personal representatives who thought that they had an insolvent estate to administer came to him for advice and he was able to achieve the feat (which would have astonished the author of *Bleak House*) of steering the apparently insolvent estate into solvency or even a handsome surplus. Baden Fuller's guileless exterior concealed a subtle brain. His manner in court was anything but charismatic but opponents underestimated him at their peril.

He became a Bencher of Lincoln's Inn in 1964. There he did much work for the students (who in those days came in large numbers from the Commonwealth as well as from the UK).

For many years he was the chairman of the Joint Committee of the Inns of Court and the Council of Legal Education on Admissions. While at the Bar he was a long-serving secretary of the Chancery Bar Association.

Outside the law he remained an enthusiastic hillwalker. He kept up his mathematics by solving algebraic equations as a lunchtime relaxation. In Wimbledon, where he lived throughout his life, he was for many years the president of the Literary and Scientific Society, a trustee of the John Evelyn Society (now the Wimbledon Society) and a governor of King's College School.

He retired as a commissioner in 1990 and the next year suffered a severe stroke. True to his character, he remained cheerful and courteous under this burden.

In 1940 Baden Fuller married Alice Strickland. She predeceased him in 1976. He is survived by two daughters and a son.

THE OLD VIC

"HAMLET" IN FULL

Francisco	John Killner
Bernardo	Powell Lloyd
Horatio	Gyles Isham
Marcellus	Peter Taylor-Smith
Ghost of Hamlet's Father	Harcourt Williams
Claudius	Donald Wolfit
Gertrude	Martita Hunt
Laertes	Francis James
Polonius	Brember Wills
Hamlet	John Gielgud
Ophelia	*Adele Dixon*
Rosencrantz	Eric Phillips
Guildenstern	John Killner
1st Player	Eric Adeney
2nd Player	Margaret Webster
3rd Player	Powell Lloyd
Fortinbras	Owen P. Smyth
A Sailor	*H. Stanley Beers*
1st Gravedigger	Henry Wolston
2nd Gravedigger	*Leslie Young*
A Priest	Powell Lloyd
Osric, a courtier	*Michael Watts*

ON THIS DAY

April 29, 1930

There have been, and will continue to be, many Hamlets. But fortunate are those who have seen John Gielgud in the role. In this, his first Hamlet, he had the advantage of a producer who had a fine ear for Elizabethan verse.

It is clear that to act Hamlet without cuts is not simply an act of piety. Perhaps it is not absolutely essential, and those who have not endured so many hours in a theatre need not necessarily feel that they have never seen the play. The plot is so mysterious anyway, and yet so good, that mutilations are not quite ruinous. But a performance without cuts and at the same time so generally good as this is something to have seen. Mr. Harcourt Williams is the producer and it is, more than anything else, a very intelligent production.

With no abbreviations there is ample room to explore and clarify the intricate movement of character, and this was often done. Such a very difficult scene as that of Hamlet remonstrating with his mother seemed almost perfectly lucid. Every performance of Hamlet tends momentarily to convince one that the play is not after all a mystery, but this especially so. The mysterious, the metaphysical and the prophetic become an ordered, if not an explicit, progression of events.

Mr. Gielgud is certainly a most reasonable Hamlet. He does not under-act, and he can storm as well as anyone, but he was chiefly concerned to give us Hamlet without that murky and tempestuous figure that most actors portray, the Prince of Denmark. He was very much of a human being. This, of course, may be dangerous, since an actor who interprets much may well forget to speak poetry. In his soliloquies he may have paused too often for a speaker to whom is given such unnatural eloquence. Indeed, if an actor pauses as if to think before producing such miracles of speech, the illusion may actually be lost as one remembers that no amount of thought could actually produce such lines. But undoubtedly Mr. Gielgud paid more attention than most Hamlets to the poetry.

The absence of cuts seemed to give unusual intricacy and interest to the King and Queen, though the actors, Mr. Donald Wolfit and Miss Martita Hunt, also deserve much praise for this. Claudius emerged, rather unexpectedly, as a fine Renaissance villain, making as much of an art of Hamlet's poisoning as any Borgia. Ophelia was charmingly, if rather conventionally, acted by Miss Adele Dixon. It would seem that to most Ophelias Hamlet's advice is unnecessary, since they so manifestly already belong to a nunnery. After all, Ophelia was desperately in love with Hamlet. But Miss Dixon did not break out with unusual fire in the mad scene.

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Middlesbrough troupers vital to fantasy winners

Petrescu's goal against Wimbledon propelled the Chelsea wing back to seven points in ITF this week

THE TIMES ITF INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL

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WITHOUT play in the premier leagues in England and Scotland over the weekend, the tactically aware among Interactive Team Football players looked to the midweek matches of the past week for vital points as the season nears its climax.

Middlesbrough were most people's choice for a good source of points, with two games counting — the FA Cup semi-final replay against Chesterfield and the game against Tottenham Hotspur. Hence the appearance of Fabrizio Ravanelli and Juninho in the teams of the weekly winner, the monthly winner, and indeed the overall leader of ITF.

But the "bargain buy" of the week was a Chelsea player: Dan Petrescu, with seven points to his name. Emerson, with five points, was also worthy of selection last week — along with a number of goalkeepers, none of whom conceded any goals over the past seven days.

The winner of the monthly prize, and £1,000, is Mr D. Ingham, of Oldham, who scored 81 points during April with his team Feb 2. The weekly winner is Mr D. Windridge, of Nuneaton, whose team, Croft Corinthians, scored 36 points. He wins £250.

Mr Windridge's team is:

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N Martyn (Leeds)

Full backs
G Kelly (Leeds)
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D Batty (Newcastle)
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A Sinton (Tottenham)
A Thom (Celtic)

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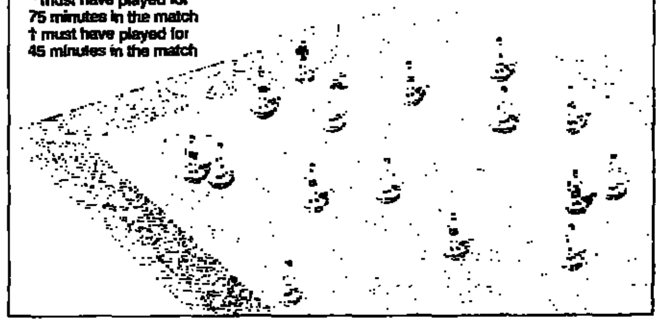
Scores goal	3pts	All players	
Saves penalty	1pt	Appearance†	1pt
Full back/Central defender		Scores hat-trick	6pts
Keeps clean sheet*	3pts	Manager	
Scores goal	3pts	Team wins	3pts
Midfield player		Team draws	1pt
Keeps clean sheet*	1pt		
Scores goal	2pts		

POINTS DEDUCTED

Goalkeeper		Booked	1pt
Concedes goal	2pts	Concedes penalty	1pt
Full back/Central defender		Misses penalty	1pt
Concedes goal	1pt	Scores own goal	1pt
All players		Manager	
Sent off	3pts	Team loses	1pt

* must have played for 75 minutes in the match
† must have played for 45 minutes in the match



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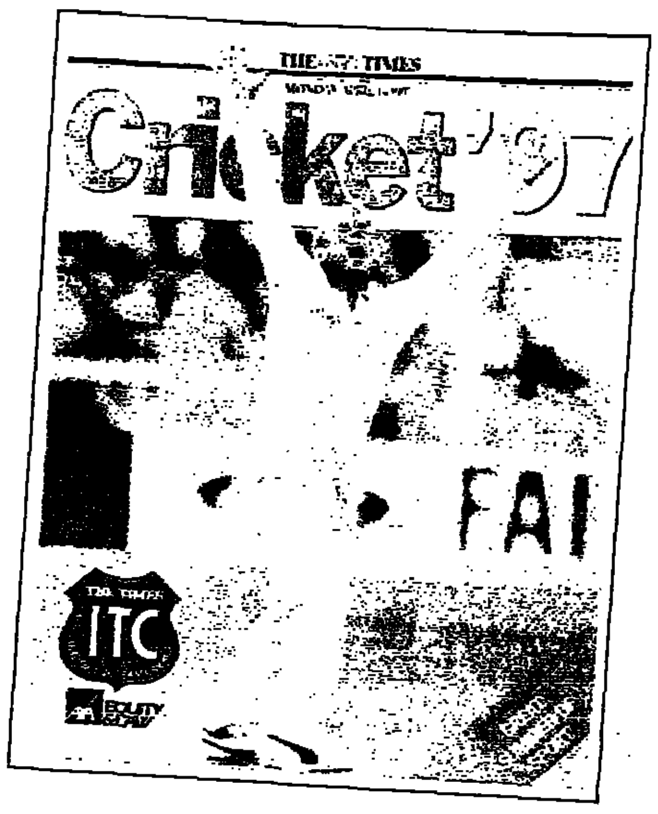

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You may transfer two (but no more than two) individuals (two players or one player and a manager) during a transfer week. A player being transferred out must be replaced by one from the same category and you must keep to the team format of a goalkeeper, two full backs, two central defenders, four midfield players, two strikers and a manager. You must not exceed the £35 million budget and have no more than two individuals from the same club. Incorrect transfers will be rejected and your team will remain in its previous form.

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Club ....
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Club ....

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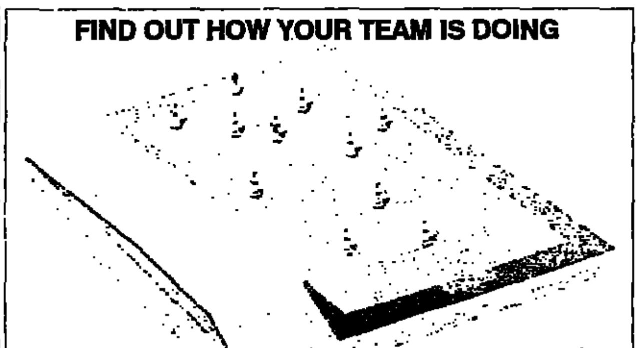

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Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
1	Turner's Earners 5	(P Turner)	768
2=	Edmo Utd	(D Edmondson)	754
2=	Sophie And Sam	(G Foster)	754
4	Jones Boys Three	(M Jones)	751
5	Turner's Earners 3	(P Turner)	741
6	Nobby 32	(J Brown)	739
7	Nobby	(J Brown)	738
8	Brain's Team	(B Howes)	734
9	John Hunt Taunton D	(J Hunt)	733
10	Bob's Boys 2	(R Calder)	732
11=	John Hunt Taunton H	(J Hunt)	728
11=	Nobby 4	(J Brown)	728
13	Pin Ups Two	(P Tusler)	727
14	12 Angry Men	(D Cook)	722
15	Nonchalont AFC 3	(R J Ward)	718
16	Dour Rangers 3	(I Clayton)	717
17=	Nobby 22	(J Brown)	714
17=	Nobby 29	(J Brown)	714
17=	Nobby 11	(J Brown)	714
20	Icarus	(B Wells)	711
21	AB 4	(A Boyland)	709
22	Nobby 33	(J Brown)	706
23	John Hunt Taunton G	(J Hunt)	704
24	Daggers	(V Cox)	703
25=	Jabberwocky	(P A Amoss)	700
25=	Beeston Celtic	(B McGivern)	700
27	Turner's Earners 1	(P Turner)	698
28	Abc	(M Baber)	696
29	Nobby 21	(J Brown)	695
30=	Jones Boys Eight	(M Jones)	691
30=	A	(M Corless)	691
32	Partick Bilbao 3	(J Hamilton)	690
33	Noah's Ark	(G P Dolan)	689
34=	Uni Boys Utd 1	(B Gardiner)	688
34=	Blythe Spartans	(T Blythe)	688
36	BCFC 1996	(J Bithell)	697
37=	Bladerunners	(P Walters)	681
37=	Waternish FC	(M Kirkwood)	681
39=	Inter The Stand	(M Ward)	680
39=	Mean Machine	(P Ford)	680
39=	Turner's Earners 6	(P Turner)	680
39=	Turner's Earners 4	(P Turner)	680
43	Hunter's Mob	(C Hunter)	679
44=	Storm	(P Mills)	678
44=	Scholes For Goals	(K Booth)	678
44=	Midfield Magic	(J Pregon)	678
47=	Teddy Three	(B Bear)	677
47=	Misfits	(R Lockyer)	677
47=	Bob's Boys 4	(R Calder)	677
50=	Tur	(P Turner)	676
50=	Nobby 23	(J Brown)	676
52	Where's Ray Gone?	(P Fromm)	675
53=	Krystonia 2	(S Roberts)	674
53=	Club18-30 Tossa	(A Robson)	674
53=	Farr Academicals	(A Kirkwood)	674
56=	Jones Boys Sky	(M Jones)	672
56=	John Hunt Taunton F	(J Hunt)	672
56=	Garforth Seahawks	(I Doughty)	672
59	Inter The Pub	(M Ward)	671
60=	Thom Foolery FC	(M Horan)	670
60=	JJB Sports	(A Bates)	670
62=	Bonky Boys	(R Crook)	667
62=	Orvieto Classico	(J Bradshaw)	667
62=	Irwin's Best	(L Sampson)	667
62=	Always Portugal 1	(V Guimaraes)	667
66=	You're Not Very Well	(R Laskowiki)	666
66=	1970 Jr FC	(J Ross)	666
66=	Gestalt	(R Rowe)	666
69=	Bob's Boys 1	(R Calder)	665
69=	Afc	(M Baber)	665
71	Nobby 7	(J Brown)	664
72=	Jan 2	(J Clayton)	663
72=	Concrete Banana	(S Mingle)	663
72=	Bob's Boys 3	(R Calder)	663
72=	Man City Free Zone	(D Ingham)	663
76	Nobby J	(J Brown)	662
77	Tulip's Tops	(D Tulip)	661
78=	Murray's Mates	(D Anderson)	660
78=	John Hunt Taunton E	(J Hunt)	660
80=	John Hunt Taunton C	(J Hunt)	659
80=	Nobby 12	(J Brown)	659
82	Born Losers	(P Farkins)	658
83=	Inter The Unknown	(P Barnett)	657
83=	The Dummies 1	(D Shiels)	657
85=	DJS 2	(D Senton)	656
85=	Joking	(P Fallen)	656
85=	Elsinore United	(P Leader)	656
85=	Doppelgangereutd	(J Whaling)	656
89	Brainbows United	(G Weiss)	655
90=	Set Against Cys	(S Shipley)	654
90=	Bad Time Boys	(R Crook)	654
90=	Team C	(A Lone)	654
93=	PJB Rovers	(P J Butler)	653
93=	Caroline B	(A Luckhurst)	653
95=	Inter The Wallet	(M Ward)	652
95=	Bubwith Utd 5	(M Larcombe)	652
95=	Nobby 25	(J Brown)	652
98=	Glen Duffers	(S Wilson)	651
98=	Sam Shanks	(S Shankar)	651
100=	Enid Four	(J Feather)	650
100=	Top Banana	(M Bottomley)	650
100=	Nobby 20	(J Brown)	650
103=	Ball Watchers	(J Murray)	649
103=	Ebbey's 1st XI	(S Baldrick)	649
103=	AJK	(K Hughes)	649
103=	LFC Champs 9697	(B Fazakerley)	649
107=	Enid 2	(J Hagger)	648
107=	Nobby 14	(J Brown)	648
109=	Raj Is Back To Kill 6	(R Gohil)	647
109=	PJ Thistle	(R Newbould)	647
111	Nobby 5	(J Brown)	646
112=	Def Con 3	(M Peck)	645
112=	Vat3	(K Howson)	645
114=	Simba's Dream	(C A Kitchen)	644
114=	Alice	(I Pigeon)	644
114=	Neil Madrid	(N Ratcliffe)	644
114=	Bob's Boys 5	(R Calder)	644
118=	Jones Boys One	(M Jones)	643
118=	Murray's Magicians	(M MacMillan)	643
120=	Caught Lucky	(C Wright)	642
120=	Northern Lights	(C Wright)	642
122=	Kinky Imports	(S Fraser)	641
122=	Infinity George	(M Robson)	641
122=	Mars FC	(M Baber)	641
122=	Animals	(L Clark)	641
126	A2	(K Farhall)	640
127	Byzantine Bricks	(S Houghton)	639
128=	No Midfield	(J B Portwood)	638
128=	NST Monkstone	(J Staszkiewicz)	638
130=	It's About Revenge C	(R Gohil)	637
130=	Bacardi Boys	(M Woodley)	637
130=	Caroline D	(A Luckhurst)	637
130=	Bunnet Bhoys	(A Sharpe)	637
130=	Langton Longballs	(M Ward)	637
130=	Nobby 34	(J Brown)	637
130=	Airstir	(I Fyfe)	637
137=	Caroline C	(S A Luckhurst)	636
137=	Agapanthus FC	(W Heslop)	636
139=	Come On You Rocks	(no name)	635
139=	Porcelain Dogs	(A Ibison)	635
139=	Lynne's Lions	(L Hiorns)	635
142=	Star Chamber	(M MacMillan)	634
142=	Grafton Willows	(R J Brown)	634
142=	I Hate Alan Hansen	(V Cox)	634
142=	John Hunt Taunton A	(J Hunt)	634
142=	Skyforest	(A Burton)	634
147=	Wingless Wonders	(P Paynter)	633
147=	The Far Side	(C Hadfield)	633
149=	Shot On Sight 2	(P Goldstraw)	632
149=	Diplomatic Risk	(G Prichard)	632
149=	Billy No Mates XI	(M Bremner)	632
149=	Mmm Fantasy Leaguers	(M Madden)	632
149=	S Gill Taunton A	(S Gill)	632
154=	Fendon United	(E Cowen)	631
154=	Buggie Navvies	(D Banks)	631
156=	JD 3	(J Donaldson)	630
156=	Cookie's Gunners	(S Cook)	630
156=	Bung Hol	(G Watson)	630
156=	Ravn's Dream Team	(M Ravn)	630
156=	Bob Hope And No Hope	(T Blythe)	630
161=	JS August Monthly 1	(J Swirles)	629
161=	The Loggers	(C Wright)	629
161=	The Winners VW	(V Wadhwa)	629
164=	Patel One	(P Patel)	628
164=	Raj Is Back To Kill 5	(R Gohil)	628
164=	Tiree Tabletoppers	(M A Kennedy)	628
167=	Wassack	(M Hugill)	627
167=	Inter Outers	(R Johnson)	627
167=	Holstenites	(D Blair)	627
167=	C U O K	(G Weiss)	627
167=	Havok	(P Williamson)	627
167=	Vat1	(K Howson)	627
173=	Goaldiggers	(D Curzon)	626
173=	Yahboysir	(G Davidson)	626
173=	Lloydy's Barge	(D Goodwin)	626
173=	Lesley's Legmen	(L Michaelis)	626
177=	Gangsters	(A Lone)	625
177=	Back In Bristol	(D Stone)	625
177=	Das Boot	(D A Sutton)	625
177=	Schoko Zoo	(P Roach)	625
177=	Inverness Undecided	(M A Kennedy)	625
182=	Layton's Lions 7	(R Layton)	624
182=	Mapflappers	(P Reid)	624
182=	St Bartholomews	(J M Bartholomew)	624
182=	Inter The Bin	(M Ward)	624
182=	Dimlymo Moscow	(D Wilson)	624
182=	Robzteam2	(R Preston)	624
182=	Drabx5	(D Edbrookestainer)	624
189=	The Instructors	(K Cunion)	623
189=	Daniel's Seishans	(V Cox)	623
189=	Foxy	(M Fox)	623
192=	Alancia FC	(A Stilliano)	622
192=	Papadopoulos Utd	(A Papadopoulos)	622
192=	Triple Top Tan	(P Bailey)	622
192=	Demolition Men	(J Murray)	622
192=	Hannah's Heroes	(C Bennett)	622
192=	Oct95-ITF Champ!	(M Sladden)	622
192=	Sucharita	(R Keenan)	622
192=	What Ford Splash	(N P Lewis)	622
192=	Best Defence	(J Pregon)	622
201=	RKV 3	(C Vanezis)	621
201=	Supersubs	(I Taylor)	621
201=	Dutch Courage	(R van Ruitenbeek)	621
204=	Grimmers Army	(S Gray)	620
204=	Dave's First XI	(D Quibell)	620
204=	Real Ale Ripon	(C Blackshaw)	620
204=	Bubwith Utd 3	(M Larcombe)	620
208=	Tungston Town	(J W George)	619
208=	Xpat Missiles	(M Jackson)	619
210=	Dicksees Tigers	(T Rawlings)	618
210=	No Help From Dad FC	(A du Gay)	618
210=	Caroline A	(A Luckhurst)	618
210=	Lager Space FC	(D Mayall)	616
214=	Buggsy's Boys	(L Emery)	617
214=	March Pass	(M McGovern)	617
214=	Nellie's Heroes	(I Fox)	617
217=	Robbie's Rogues	(R Pressling)	616
217=	Toby's Terrors 7	(P Wheatley)	616
217=	Sooty's Puppets II	(E G Ryan)	616
217=	Totted Five	(E Kisby)	616
221	Roberts-Team 1	(M Roberts)	615
222=	Davsio Unt 1	(D Sloan)	614
222=	Flying Pigs	(M Macmillan)	614
222=	Solid Saints	(P Ridout)	614
222=	Celtic Fowlers	(G Thomas)	614
222=	GR 2	(G Richards)	614
222=	Dodd's Aces	(C Dodd)	614
228=	Oscar's All Stars	(A White)	613
228=	Zendo FC	(S Kirkwood)	613
228=	Skyline Sizzlers	(T Gordon)	613
228=	John Hunt Taunton B	(J Hunt)	613
228=	Delilah	(I Kelson)	613
233=	Beam Up	(L Strathy)	612
233=	Rubella	(T Wylie)	612
233=	Sad & Grim Team	(J Swain)	612
233=	Dwyer's Tipsters	(J Dwyer)	612
233=	Football Junkies	(J Melling)	612
238=	Laughing Gravy	(D Clarke)	611
238=	Nader	(A Meviazski)	611
238=	JS August Monthly 2	(J Swirles)	611
233=	Jack's Nightmare	(N J Lane)	611
238=	Twelve Just Men	(W Evans)	611
238=	Ajaxpool	(C Strachan)	611
238=	Kingsbury Tn 1	(D F King)	611
245=	Steve's Aces	(S Brook)	610
245=	Hisham's Haggis	(H A Rahim)	610
245=	Transgenic Eagles	(R Clutterbuck)	610
245=	Inter-Mountford	(A Mountford)	610
245=	Boyz 2	(D Patel)	610
250	Red Star Storm	(P Mills)	609

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The ITF players, their points and their values if you are considering the transfer option

JULIAN HERBERT

Pressman, the Sheffield Wednesday goalkeeper, was not the man to have guarding your ITF fortunes this week

GOALKEEPERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
10101	M Watt	Aberdeen	1.50	0	-12
10102	N Walker	Aberdeen	1.00	0	-14
10201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	-1	+38
10202	V Bartram	Arsenal	0.75	0	0
10203	J Lukic	Arsenal	0.75	0	+1
10301	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	3.50	+5	+29
10302	M Oakes	Aston Villa	1.00	0	+19
10401	T Flowers	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	-1	-2
10402	S Given	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	0	+4
10501	G Marshall	Celtic	3.50	0	-1
10502	S Kerr	Celtic	3.00	-1	+30
10601	D Kharine	Chelsea	2.50	0	+10
10602	K Hitchcock	Chelsea	2.00	0	-27
10603	F Grodas	Chelsea	3.00	0	-11
10701	S Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50	-2	-38
10702	J Filan	Coventry City	0.50	0	0
10801	M Taylor	Derby County	1.00	+5	-2
10802	R Hoult	Derby County	1.00	0	-41
10804	M Poom	Derby County	1.00	0	-2
10901	A Maxwell	Dundee United	0.50	0	+4
10902	L Key	Dundee United	0.50	0	-10
10903	S Dykstra	Dundee United	2.50	-1	-1
11001	I Westwater	Dunfermline	0.50	0	-55
11101	N Southall	Everton	2.50	0	-28
11103	P Gerrard	Everton	2.50	0	+1
11201	G Rousset	Hearts	2.00	0	-5
11301	J Leighton	Hibernian	1.50	0	-24
11401	D Lekovic	Kilmarnock	1.00	+5	-31
11501	M Beeney	Leeds United	1.50	0	+5
11502	P Evans	Leeds United	0.25	0	0
11503	N Martyn	Leeds United	2.50	+5	+36
11601	K Poole	Leicester City	1.00	0	-19
11603	K Keller	Leicester City	1.00	-1	-19
11701	D James	Liverpool	5.00	0	+15
11702	A Warner	Liverpool	0.50	0	0
11703	J Nielsen	Liverpool	1.00	0	0
11801	P Schmeichel	Manchester United	5.00	0	+6
11802	R van der Gouw	Manchester United	1.00	0	+2
11901	G Walsh	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-20
11903	B Roberts	Middlesbrough	1.50	+4	-1
11904	M Schwarzer	Middlesbrough	2.00	0	-3
12001	S Howie	Motherwell	1.50	0	-22
12101	S Hislop	Newcastle United	4.00	0	-18
12102	P Srnicek	Newcastle United	3.00	0	0
12201	M Crossley	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	-49
12202	A Fettis	Nottingham Forest	0.75	+5	+2
12301	S Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	-74
12401	A Goram	Rangers	5.00	0	+29
12402	A Dibble	Rangers	3.50	0	+10
12501	K Pressman	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	-7	-6
12502	M Clarke	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	0
12601	D Beasant	Southampton	1.00	0	-28
12602	N Moss	Southampton	0.25	0	+2
12604	M Taylor	Southampton	1.00	+5	+3
12702	L Perez	Sunderland	0.50	-1	-42
11803	A Coton	Sunderland	1.00	0	+9
12801	I Walker	Tottenham Hotspur	3.50	+5	-8
12802	E Baardsen	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	0
12901	L Miklosko	West Ham United	2.00	+5	-21
13001	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	1.00	-1	-1
13002	P Heald	Wimbledon	1.00	0	-4

FULL BACKS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
20101	S McKimmie	Aberdeen	2.00	0	+8
20201	L Dixon	Arsenal	3.00	0	+39
20202	N Winterburn	Arsenal	3.00	0	+49
20301	S Staunton	Aston Villa	3.00	+4	+43
20302	A Wright	Aston Villa	3.00	+4	+65
20303	G Charles	Aston Villa	2.50	0	0
20305	F Nelson	Aston Villa	3.00	+4	+48
20401	H Berg	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	+3	+29
20402	G Le Saux	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	+2	+31
20403	J Kenna	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	0	+22
20404	G Croft	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0	+2
20501	J McNamara	Celtic	3.00	-1	+38
20502	T McKinlay	Celtic	3.00	0	+23
20601	D Petrescu	Chelsea	3.00	+7	+27
20602	S Clarke	Chelsea	2.00	0	+7
20604	S Minto	Chelsea	1.00	0	-4
20701	D Burrows	Coventry City	1.50	0	-10
20703	B Borrows	Coventry City	1.00	0	-10
20704	M Hall	Coventry City	1.00	0	+6
20801	C Powell	Derby County	1.50	+4	+10
20802	D Yates	Derby County	1.00	0	+4
20901	M Malpas	Dundee United	1.00	0	+55
20902	M Perry	Dundee United	0.50	0	+44
20903	N Duffy	Dundee United	0.50	-1	+10
21001	C Miller	Dunfermline	0.25	0	-5
21002	A Tod	Dunfermline	0.25	0	-11
21101	M Hottiger	Everton	2.50	0	-6
21102	A Hinchcliffe	Everton	2.00	0	+14
20603	T Phelan	Everton	2.00	0	-1
21103	E Barrett	Everton	1.50	0	+18
21201	G Locke	Hearts	2.00	0	+25
21202	N Pointon	Hearts	1.00	0	+24
21301	W Miller	Hibernian	1.00	0	+7
21302	A Dow	Hibernian	1.00	0	+12
21402	G MacPherson	Kilmarnock	0.50	+4	-1
21501	G Kelly	Leeds United	3.00	+4	+47
21502	A Dorigo	Leeds United	2.50	+3	+16
21504	G Halle	Leeds United	1.00	+4	+36
21601	M Whitlow	Leicester City	0.50	0	+5
21602	S Grayson	Leicester City	0.50	-1	+9
21604	F Rolling	Leicester City	0.25	0	0
21701	R Jones	Liverpool	3.00	0	-1
21702	S Harkness	Liverpool	1.50	0	-3
21703	S I Bjornebye	Liverpool	0.50	0	+46
21801	D Irwin	Manchester United	4.00	0	+40
21802	G Neville	Manchester United	3.00	0	+31
21803	P Neville	Manchester United	3.00	0	0
21901	N Cox	Middlesbrough	2.50	0	-11
21903	C Morris	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-1
21904	C Fleming	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	+9
21905	C Blackmore	Middlesbrough	0.25	+4	+14
21906	V Kinder	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	+2
22002	S McMillan	Motherwell	0.50	0	+6
22101	W Barton	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+4
22102	S Watson	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+21
22103	R Elliott	Newcastle United	2.50	0	+16
22104	J Beresford	Newcastle United	2.50	0	+7
22201	S Pearce	Nottingham Forest	4.00	0	+11
22202	D Lyttle	Nottingham Forest	2.00	+4	+9
22203	A I Haaland	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	+20
22204	N Jerkan	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	-4
22301	P Bonar	Raith Rovers	0.75	0	-16
22302	D Kirkwood	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	-12
22401	D Robertson	Rangers	2.50	0	+45
22402	J Brown	Rangers	2.00	0	0
22501	I Nolan	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	-3	+26
22502	P Atherton	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	-3	+29
22503	S Nicol	Sheffield Wednesday	1.00	-2	+9
22504	D Stefanovic	Sheffield Wednesday	1.00	0	+10
22505	L Briscoe	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	+3
22601	J Dodd	Southampton	1.50	+4	-4
22602	F Benali	Southampton	0.75	+4	+2
22603	S Charlton	Southampton	0.75	0	+4
22701	D Kubicki	Sunderland	0.50	0	+5
22702	M Scott	Sunderland	0.50	0	+4
22703	G Hall	Sunderland	0.25	0	+6
22704	J Eriksson	Sunderland	1.50	0	-1
22801	D Austin	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	+4	+8
22802	C Wilson	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0	+12
22803	J Edinburgh	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	+4	+15
22804	D Kerslake	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	0
22805	S Carr	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	0	-3
22901	J Dicks	West Ham United	4.00	0	+23
22902	T Breacker	West Ham United	1.00	0	+3
22903	K Rowland	West Ham United	1.00	0	-4
22904	M Bowen	West Ham United	1.00	0	+2
23001	B Thatcher	Wimbledon	1.50	0	+9
23002	A Kimble	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+13
23003	K Cunningham	Wimbledon	0.75	-1	+26
23004	D Jupp	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
23006	C Perry	Wimbledon	0.25	0	+40

CENTRAL DEFENDERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
30101	B Irvine	Aberdeen	2.00	0	-6
30102	C Woodthorpe	Aberdeen	1.50	0	+1
30103	A Kombouare	Aberdeen	2.50	0	+1
30201	A Adams	Arsenal	4.00	0	+43
30202	S Bould	Arsenal	3.00	0	+41
30203	M Keown	Arsenal	3.00	0	+50
30205	S Marshall	Arsenal	1.00	0	+14
30301	G Southgate	Aston Villa	3.50	+4	+42
30302	U Ehiogu	Aston Villa	3.00	+4	+70
30305	R Scimeca	Aston Villa	1.00	0	+28
30401	C Hendry	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	0	+32
30402	I Pearce	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+3
30403	C Coleman	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	-3
30404	N Marker	Blackburn Rovers	0.50	0	+6
30501	T Boyd	Celtic	3.00	0	+33
30502	M MacKay	Celtic	1.50	0	+37
30503	A Stubbs	Celtic	3.50	-1	+22
30504	B O'Neil	Celtic	3.00	+3	+4
30505	E Annoni	Celtic	3.00	0	+4
30601	M Duberry	Chelsea	2.50	0	+1
30602	F Leboeuf	Chelsea	2.50	+4	+33
30603	F Sinclair	Chelsea	2.00	+4	-2
30604	D Lee	Chelsea	2.00	0	+3
30605	A Myers	Chelsea	1.50	+4	+5
30606	E Johnsen	Chelsea	1.50	0	+13
30701	L Daish	Coventry City	2.00	0	+5
30702	R Shaw	Coventry City	1.50	0	+3
30704	G Breen	Coventry City	1.50	0	-1
30705	A Evtushok	Coventry City	1.50	0	+1
30801	I Stimac	Derby County	2.50	0	-10
30802	D Wassall	Derby County	1.00	0	0
30303	P McGrath	Derby County	2.50	0	-4
30803	J Laursen	Derby County	1.00	+4	+12
30804	M Carbon	Derby County	0.50	0	-5
30901	S Pressley	Dundee United	1.00	0	+50
31001	M Millar	Dunfermline	0.75	0	-6
31002	I Den Bieman	Dunfermline	0.75	0	-18
31101	D Unsworth	Everton	2.50	0	+12
31102	D Watson	Everton	2.50	0	+14
31103	C Short	Everton	2.00	0	+6
31201	D McPherson	Hearts	1.00	0	+30
31202	P Ritchie	Hearts	1.00	0	+34
31301	J McLaughlin	Hibernian	0.50	0	+7
30902	B Welsh	Hibernian	0.75	0	+9
31302	G Hunter	Hibernian	0.50	0	-3
32302	S Dennis	Hibernian	1.00	0	-19
31401	M Reilly	Kilmarnock	1.00	+4	+15
31402	R Montgomerie	Kilmarnock	0.75	+3	+14
31501	D Wetherall	Leeds United	2.50	+4	+38
31502	R Jobson	Leeds United	1.00	0	+2
31503	L Radebe	Leeds United	1.00	+4	+26
31504	J Pemberton	Leeds United	0.50	0	0
31505	R Molenaar	Leeds United	2.00	0	+23
31601	S Walsh	Leicester City	1.00	-1	+11
31602	J Watts	Leicester City	1.00	0	+8
31603	P Kaamark	Leicester City	0.50	0	+5
31604	S Prior	Leicester City	1.00	0	+1
31605	M Elliott	Leicester City	1.50	-1	+5
31701	P Babb	Liverpool	3.50	0	+24
31703	M Wright	Liverpool	3.50	0	+30
31704	N Ruddock	Liverpool	3.00	0	+14
31705	D Matteo	Liverpool	1.00	0	+26
31706	B T Kvarme	Liverpool	2.00	0	+3
31801	G Pallister	Manchester United	3.50	0	+15
31802	D May	Manchester United	3.00	0	+34
31803	R Johnsen	Manchester United	2.50	0	+21
31901	N Pearson	Middlesbrough	1.50	+4	+7
31902	S Vickers	Middlesbrough	1.50	+4	-6
31903	D Whyte	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-10
31904	P Whelan	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	-4
31905	G Festa	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	+8
32001	B Martin	Motherwell	1.50	0	-4
32002	M van der Gaag	Motherwell	0.75	0	+18
32101	P Albert	Newcastle United	4.50	0	+18
32102	S Howey	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+7
32103	D Peacock	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+17
32201	C Cooper	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	+5
32202	S Chettle	Nottingham Forest	2.50	+4	+14
32203	S Blatherwick	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	-5
32303	D Craig	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	-12
32304	G Mitchell	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	-10
32401	R Gough	Rangers	3.50	0	+57
32402	A McLaren	Rangers	3.00	0	+23
32403	J Bjorklund	Rangers	3.50	0	+39
32404	G Petric	Rangers	2.50	0	+18
32501	J Newsome	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	0	+15
32502	D Walker	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	-3	+29
32503	B Linighan	Sheffield Wednesday	0.25	0	0
32601	K Monkou	Southampton	1.50	0	-18
32602	A Neilson	Southampton	1.00	+4	+7
32603	R Dryden	Southampton	0.50	+1	-1
32604	C Lundekvam	Southampton	0.50	0	-1
32605	U van Gobbel	Southampton	1.50	+4	-12
32701	A Melville	Sunderland	1.00	0	+12
32702	K Ball	Sunderland	1.00	0	+10
32703	R Ord	Sunderland	0.50	0	+14
32801	S Campbell	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	+4	+24
31702	J Scales	Tottenham Hotspur	3.50	0	+9
32802	C Calderwood	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	+4	+18
32803	G Mabbutt	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0	0
32806	S Nethercott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	-6
32807	R Vega	Tottenham Hotspur	3.00	+4	+6
32901	S Bilic	West Ham United	2.50	0	+10
32902	M Rieper	West Ham United	2.50	+3	+11
32903	S Potts	West Ham United	2.00	+4	+3
32904	R Hall	West Ham United	1.50	+3	+4
32905	R Ferdinand	West Ham United	0.50	+4	+7
33001	A Reeves	Wimbledon	1.00	0	-2
33003	A Pearce	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
33004	D Blackwell	Wimbledon	0.50	0	+16
33005	B McAllister	Wimbledon	0.50	0	+12
33006	S Fitzgerald	Wimbledon	0.25	0	0

MIDFIELD PLAYERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
40101	D Windass	Aberdeen	3.00	0	+40
40102	S Glass	Aberdeen	3.00	0	+24
40103	P Bernard	Aberdeen	2.50	0	+8
40104	I Kiriakov	Aberdeen	2.50	0	+28
40105	T Tzvetanov	Aberdeen	0.50	0	+25
40201	D Platt	Arsenal	4.50	+1	+43
40202	P Merson	Arsenal	4.00	+1	+56
40203	R Parlour	Arsenal	2.00	0	+25
40204	G Helder	Arsenal	1.50	0	0
40205	I Selley	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
40208	P Vieira	Arsenal	3.00	0	+40
40209	R Garde	Arsenal	2.00	0	+7
40210	S Hughes	Arsenal	2.00	0	+15
40301	M Draper	Aston Villa	4.00	0	+34
40302	A Townsend	Aston Villa	2.50	0	+49
40303	I Taylor	Aston Villa	2.50	+2	+42
40304	G Farrelly	Aston Villa	1.00	+1	+2
40306	S Curcic	Aston Villa	3.50	+2	+23
40401	J Wilcox	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	0	+40
40402	L Bohinen	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	0	+29
40403	G Flitcroft	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	+2	+29
40404	W McKinlay	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	+1	+21
40405	T Sherwood	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	+3	+46
40406	P Warhurst	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0	+7
40407	G Donis	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0	+16
40408	S Ripley	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	+5
40409	M Holmes	Blackburn Rovers	0.75	0	0
40501	P McStay	Celtic	3.00	0	+22
40502	A Thom	Celtic	2.50	+1	+31
40503	S Donnelly	Celtic	2.50	+1	+35
40504	P Grant	Celtic	1.50	0	+26
40505	P Di Canio	Celtic	3.00	0	+57
40506	D Hannah	Celtic	1.50	+1	+15
40507	P O'Donnell	Celtic	2.50	+1	+11
40601	R Gullit	Chelsea	3.50	0	+9
40602	D Wise	Chelsea	3.00	0	+40
40604	C Burley	Chelsea	2.00	+2	+39
40605	E Newton	Chelsea	2.00	0	+20
40607	D Rocastle	Chelsea	0.50	0	0
40608	R Di Matteo	Chelsea	3.00	0	+56
40609	J Morris	Chelsea	2.00	0	+3
40610	P Hughes	Chelsea	2.00	+2	+8
40701	J Salako	Coventry City	2.50	0	+32
41501	G McAllister	Coventry City	5.50	+1	+58
40702	E Jess	Coventry City	2.00	0	+32
40703	K Richardson	Coventry City	1.50	0	+35
40704	P Telfer	Coventry City	1.50	+1	+34
40705	P Williams	Coventry City	1.50	+1	+33
40706	M Isaias	Coventry City	0.50	0	0
40707	W Boland	Coventry City	0.25	0	0
40708	M O'Neill	Coventry City	1.50	0	+1
40801	A Asanovic	Derby County	2.00	+2	+52
40802	P Simpson	Derby County	1.50	0	+5
40803	R van der Laan	Derby County	1.50	+2	+30
40804	D Powell	Derby County	1.00	0	+26
40805	S Flynn	Derby County	0.75	0	+12
40807	G Rowett	Derby County	0.50	+2	+38
40809	C Dailly	Derby County	1.50	+2	+38
40901	G McSwegan	Dundee United	2.00	0	+28
40902	R Winters	Dundee United	1.50	0	+65
40903	G Johnson	Dundee United	1.00	0	0
42003	J Dolan	Dundee United	1.00	+1	+31
42303	J McInally	Dundee United	0.75	0	+19
40904	D Bowman	Dundee United	0.75	+1	+25
40905	A Benneker	Dundee United	0.50	0	+2
41001	H French	Dunfermline	1.00	0	+44
41002	C Robertson	Dunfermline	1.00	0	+35
41003	A Smith	Dunfermline	0.75	0	+48
41004	D Fleming	Dunfermline	0.50	0	+29
41102	G Speed	Everton	4.00	0	+65
41104	J Parkinson	Everton	1.50	0	+31
41106	A Grant	Everton	0.50	0	+11
41108	C Thomsen	Everton	2.00	0	+13
41202	A McManus	Hearts	1.50	0	+7
41203	S Fulton	Hearts	1.00	0	+34
41302	P McGinlay	Hibernian	1.50	0	+41
41303	G Love	Hibernian	0.75	0	+9
41305	I Cameron	Hibernian	0.75	0	+10
41401	A Mitchell	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	+25
41402	J McIntyre	Kilmarnock	1.00	+4	+43
41403	M Skilling	Kilmarnock	0.75	0	0
41404	J Lauchlan	Kilmarnock	0.50	0	+11
41502	L Bowyer	Leeds United	3.00	+1	+56
41503	A Gray	Leeds United	2.50	0	+1
41504	C Palmer	Leeds United	2.00	+2	+30
41505	R Wallace	Leeds United	1.50	0	+34
41805	L Sharpe	Leeds United	3.50	0	+46
41506	I Harte	Leeds United	1.00	0	+19
41507	M Ford	Leeds United	0.50	0	+19
41508	A Couzens	Leeds United	0.50	0	+8
41510	M Jackson	Leeds United	1.00	0	+10
41601	N Lennon	Leicester City	2.00	0	+33
41602	G Parker	Leicester City	2.00	+1	+35
41603	S Taylor	Leicester City	2.00	0	+21
41604	J Lawrence	Leicester City	0.25	0	+3
40606	M Izzet	Leicester City	1.00	+1	+43
41701	S McManaman	Liverpool	7.00	0	+56
41702	J McAteer	Liverpool	4.00	0	+45
41703	J Redknapp	Liverpool	4.00	0	+27
41704	J Barnes	Liverpool	3.00	0	+55
41705	M Thomas	Liverpool	2.50	0	+36
41706	M Kennedy	Liverpool	1.00	0	0
41707	P Berger	Liverpool	3.00	0	+27
41801	R Giggs	Manchester United	7.00	0	+43
41802	R Keane	Manchester United	4.50	0	+20
41803	D Beckham	Manchester United	4.00	0	+57
41804	N Butt	Manchester United	3.50	0	+34
41806	B McClair	Manchester United	1.50	0	+9
41807	T Cooke	Manchester United	1.00	0	0
41808	B Thornley	Manchester United	1.00	0	+1
41809	S Davies	Manchester United	0.50	0	0
41810	J Cruyff	Manchester United	2.50	0	+17
41811	K Poborsky	Manchester United	4.00	0	+27
41901	Emerson	Middlesbrough	3.50	+5	+36
41902	Juninho	Middlesbrough	3.50	+3	+62
41903	C Hignett	Middlesbrough	2.00	+1	+29
41905	A Moore	Middlesbrough	1.00	0	+6
41906	R Mustoe	Middlesbrough	1.00	+2	+35
41908	C Liddle	Middlesbrough	0.50	0	+6
41909	B Robson	Middlesbrough	0.50	0	+1
41910	P Stamp	Middlesbrough	0.50	+1	+22
42001	C McCart	Motherwell	2.00	0	+16
42002	J Philliben	Motherwell	1.00	0	+14
42004	J Hendry	Motherwell	0.75	0	+4
42005	S Valikarri	Motherwell	3.00	0	+9
42101	D Ginola	Newcastle United	5.50	0	+24
42102	R Lee	Newcastle United	5.50	0	+47
42103	K Gillespie	Newcastle United	4.50	0	+29
42104	D Batty	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+27
42105	L Clark	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+21
42107	D Hamilton	Newcastle United	1.50	0	0
42201	I Woan	Nottingham Forest	4.50	+1	+36
42202	S Stone	Nottingham Forest	4.00	0	+2
42203	S Gemmill	Nottingham Forest	2.50	+1	+17
42204	C Bart-Williams	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	+21
42205	D Phillips	Nottingham Forest	1.00	+2	+30
42301	T Rougier	Raith Rovers	2.00	0	+33
42302	D Lennon	Raith Rovers	1.00	0	+46
41304	A Millen	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	+25
42304	S Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	+26
42401	P Gascoigne	Rangers	7.00	0	+58
42402	B Laudrup	Rangers	5.00	0	+71
42403	S McCall	Rangers	2.00	0	+9
42404	T Steven	Rangers	1.50	0	+8
42405	J Albertz	Rangers	4.00	0	+59
42501	R Blinker	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+17
42502	M Pembridge	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	+1	+50
42504	G Hyde	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+29
42506	M Williams	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	0
42507	R Jones	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	0
42508	S Oakes	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+10
42509	W Collins	Sheffield Wednesday	0.75	0	+13
42510	O Trustfull	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+17
42511	B Carbone	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00	+3	+37
42512	D Billington	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	0
42601	J Magilton	Southampton	2.50	+2	+43
42604	B Venison	Southampton	1.00	0	0
42606	D Hughes	Southampton	0.50	0	+1
42906	R Slater	Southampton	1.00	+2	+21
42607	M Oakley	Southampton	0.50	0	+30
42609	M Robinson	Southampton	0.25	0	+6
42611	E Berkovic	Southampton	1.00	+1	+32
42701	M Gray	Sunderland	2.50	+1	+43
42702	S Agnew	Sunderland	1.50	0	+16
42703	A Rae	Sunderland	1.50	0	+14
42704	P Bracewell	Sunderland	0.75	+1	+44
42705	M Smith	Sunderland	1.00	0	+9
42706	C Waddle	Sunderland	1.50	+1	+5
42801	D Anderton	Tottenham Hotspur	5.50	0	+18
42802	R Fox	Tottenham Hotspur	4.00	0	+26
42803	D Howells	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	+2	+38
42804	J Dozzell	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	+1	+15
42805	A Sinton	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	+4	+45
42806	R Rosenthal	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0	+10
42809	A Nielsen	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	+2	+44
42902	I Bishop	West Ham United	2.00	0	+33
42903	M Hughes	West Ham United	2.00	+1	+39
42904	D Williamson	West Ham United	1.50	0	+17
42905	J Moncur	West Ham United	1.50	+4	+25
42907	S Lazaridis	West Ham United	0.25	0	+15
42908	S Lomas	West Ham United	2.00	+2	+6
43001	R Earle	Wimbledon	4.00	0	+66
43002	O Leonhardsen	Wimbledon	2.50	0	+48
43003	M Gayle	Wimbledon	2.00	0	+66
43004	V Jones	Wimbledon	1.50	+1	+36
43005	N Ardley	Wimbledon	0.50	+1	+51
43006	S Castledine	Wimbledon	0.50	+1	+6
43007	P Fear	Wimbledon	0.25	+1	+10

STRIKERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
50101	S Booth	Aberdeen	4.50	0	+12
50102	D Shearer	Aberdeen	3.00	0	+7
50103	W Dodds	Aberdeen	5.00	0	+35
50201	I Wright	Arsenal	7.00	+2	+66
50202	D Bergkamp	Arsenal	7.00	+1	+44
50205	C Kiwomya	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
50206	N Anelka	Arsenal	3.00	0	0
50301	D Yorke	Aston Villa	7.50	+1	+77
50302	S Milosevic	Aston Villa	5.00	0	+42
50304	J Joachim	Aston Villa	2.00	0	+11
50402	K Gallacher	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	0	+54
50404	C Sutton	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	+1	+42
50405	G Fenton	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+3
50406	N Gudmundsson	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	0
50407	P Pedersen	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+8
50502	J Cadete	Celtic	6.00	+1	+83
50303	T Johnson	Celtic	4.00	0	+20
50601	G Vialli	Chelsea	5.00	+1	+43
50602	M Hughes	Chelsea	4.00	0	+55
50605	M Stein	Chelsea	0.50	0	0
50606	G Zola	Chelsea	5.00	+1	+51
50701	N Whelan	Coventry City	6.00	0	+41
50702	D Dublin	Coventry City	5.00	+2	+42
50703	P Ndlovu	Coventry City	3.00	+1	+9
52105	D Huckerby	Coventry City	0.50	+1	+36
50801	D Sturridge	Derby County	3.00	0	+47
50802	M Gabbiadini	Derby County	2.00	0	+7
50803	A Ward	Derby County	2.00	0	+38
50804	R Willems	Derby County	1.00	0	+18
50903	K Olafsson	Dundee United	3.00	+1	+20
51001	A Moore	Dunfermline	2.00	0	+13
51002	S Petrie	Dunfermline	2.00	0	+26
51101	D Ferguson	Everton	6.00	0	+47
51901	N Barmby	Everton	4.00	0	+43
51102	G Stuart	Everton	3.00	0	+37
51105	M Branch	Everton	1.50	0	+17
51201	J Robertson	Hearts	3.50	0	+50
51202	C Cameron	Hearts	3.50	0	+50
51203	D Beckford	Hearts	0.50	0	+4
51301	K Wright	Hibernian	3.00	0	+23
51302	D Jackson	Hibernian	3.00	0	+51
51401	P Wright	Kilmarnock	3.00	+1	+64
51501	A Yeboah	Leeds United	7.00	0	+4
51502	I Rush	Leeds United	3.50	+1	+34
51504	B Deane	Leeds United	2.00	0	+37
51506	P Laurent	Leeds United	2.00	+1	+2
51507	D Lilley	Leeds United	0.75	+1	+2
51601	S Claridge	Leicester City	2.50	+1	+53
51602	E Heskey	Leicester City	2.00	+1	+41
51603	M Robins	Leicester City	0.75	0	+8
51604	I Marshall	Leicester City	0.75	0	+44
51605	S Guppy	Leicester City	2.00	0	+7
51701	R Fowler	Liverpool	9.00	0	+68
51702	S Collymore	Liverpool	8.00	0	+47
51801	E Cantona	Manchester United	8.50	0	+48
51802	P Scholes	Manchester United	5.00	0	+20
51803	A Cole	Manchester United	4.50	0	+22
51804	O G Solskjaer	Manchester United	3.00	0	+50
51905	F Ravanelli	Middlesbrough	5.00	+4	+79
51906	M Beck	Middlesbrough	2.50	+4	+36
52001	T Coyne	Motherwell	2.00	0	+52
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50401	A Shearer	Newcastle United	10.0	0	+82
52101	L Ferdinand	Newcastle United	8.50	0	+55
52102	F Asprilla	Newcastle United	6.50	0	+20
52103	P Beardsley	Newcastle United	5.00	0	+32
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52204	K Campbell	Nottingham Forest	1.50	0	+33
52205	J Lee	Nottingham Forest	1.50	0	+7
52206	S Howe	Nottingham Forest	0.50	0	0
52207	A Silenzi	Nottingham Forest	0.50	0	+1
52208	I Moore	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	0
52301	P Duffield	Raith Rovers	2.00	0	+31
52401	G Durie	Rangers	6.00	0	+19
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52501	D Hirst	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00	0	+26
52502	A Booth	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+56
52504	G Whittingham	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	+1	+37
52505	O Donaldson	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	+1	+4
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53005	A Clarke	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+7
53006	M Harford	Wimbledon	0.50	0	+6

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Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
60101	R Aitken	Aberdeen	2.50	0	+27
60202	A Wenger	Arsenal	3.50	+1	+45
60301	B Little	Aston Villa	3.50	+1	+51
60402	A Parkes	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	+3	+26
60501	T Burns	Celtic	4.00	-1	+70
60601	R Gullit	Chelsea	2.50	+3	+60
60702	G Strachan	Coventry City	1.00	+1	+22
60801	J Smith	Derby County	0.75	+1	+38
62302	T McLean	Dundee United	0.75	-1	+61
61001	W Paton	Dunfermline	0.50	0	+28
61102	D Watson	Everton	2.00	0	0
61201	J Jefferies	Hearts	2.00	0	+41
61302	J Duffy	Hibernian	1.00	0	+14
61402	W Williamson	Kilmarnock	0.75	+3	+18
61502	G Graham	Leeds United	2.00	+1	+31
61601	M O'Neill	Leicester City	0.50	-1	+31
61701	R Evans	Liverpool	4.50	0	+59
61801	A Ferguson	Manchester United	5.00	0	+67
61901	B Robson	Middlesbrough	2.00	+2	+36
62001	A McLeish	Motherwell	1.50	0	+23
62102	K Dalglish	Newcastle United	4.50	0	+18
62202	S Pearce	Nottingham Forest	2.00	+1	+4
62401	W Smith	Rangers	5.00	0	+75
62501	D Pleat	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	-1	+57
62601	G Souness	Southampton	0.50	+3	+21
62701	P Reid	Sunderland	0.50	-1	+20
62801	G Francis	Tottenham Hotspur	3.00	+3	+29
62901	H Redknapp	West Ham United	2.00	+3	+23
63001	J Kinnear	Wimbledon	1.00	-1	+50

THE TIMES TODAY

TUESDAY APRIL 29 1997

NEWS

72 hours left to save UK, says Major

■ The Prime Minister issued a warning last night that there were "only 72 hours" to save the United Kingdom.

After a whirlwind tour covering England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, John Major stood outside Parliament to proclaim the "twin threat" posed by a Labour government: the break-up of the UK and a sell-out to Europe. The event was branded a stunt by Labour, which ordered former MPs to campaign in marginal constituencies...... **Pages 1, 13-16, 22, 23**

Currie sends £2,000 bill to newspaper

■ Edwina Currie has sent a £2,000 bill for journalistic services to the newspaper which published her predictions of a Labour landslide. Tory strategists were appalled by the MP's decision to fax an invoice to *The Express* only 24 hours after she had claimed that her comments were off the record ....**Page 1**

Booth to sit as judge

Cherie Booth will sit as a judge within two weeks of becoming the Prime Minister's wife if Labour wins the election .... **Page 1**

Tighter Maze security

Tighter security measures are to be imposed inside the Maze prison after a government inquiry into an IRA attempt to tunnel out of the jail found that the paramilitaries controlled the H-blocks................................**Page 2**

Boy George accused

The singer Boy George was accused in the High Court of being an obsessive and vindictive liar by a man he had described as the love of his life ....**Page 3**

Hounds may die

The Quantock Staghounds may have to put down 60 hounds because of the National Trust's decision to ban stag hunting on its land from the end of this month ....**Page 3**

Minority viewing

Channel 5 is reaching only 45 per cent of the country despite promises when it launched four weeks ago that at least 60 per cent of the population would be able to watch it ....**Page 5**

Rare rhinos arrive

Two wild Asian rhinos from Nepal are expected in Britain today for an international captive breeding programme at Whipsnade Wild Animal Park ... **Page 5**

Cost of caring

A man who gave up his job to look after his ailing mother must sell his home to pay for her care, the High Court ruled .... **Page 7**

Testing time

Examination pressure on children from the age of seven onwards means demand for revision guides is soaring, publishers said, as an unprecedented number of pupils prepared for national tests ....**Page 8**

Kohl olive branch

Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, has offered a tentative olive branch to the next British Government and said he was certain that Britain would eventually join the single currency .... **Page 17**

Hutu refugees found

Thousands of exhausted and dehydrated Rwandan Hutu refugees were reported to have emerged from thick forest in Zaire, about 30 miles south of Kisangani .... **Page 18**

Forces' morality code

The Pentagon is introducing a strict code of morality for America's armed services after numerous sex scandals.............. **Page 19**

Titanic overdraft

Eighty-five years after the sinking of the *Titanic*, a film attempting to re-create that fateful night is months behind schedule and up to $90 million (£55 million) over budget............................. **Page 19**

City rustlers swoop on dales flocks

■ Police have returned a two-week-old lamb found wandering the streets of Sunderland to the North Yorkshire farm 50 miles away from which it had been taken. Lambs are being stolen by urban rustlers from their unfenced pastures and reared in the unlikely setting of council allotments. After six months they are killed for the rustler's freezer or to sell .... **Page 5**

SAKCHAI LALIT/AP

Salt farmers at work near Bangkok, Thailand, yesterday; the sea salt is extracted for use in food and preservative production

BUSINESS

Co-op: Hambros Bank and Travers Smith Braithwaite, the solicitor, who both advised Andrew Regan on his aborted bid for the Co-operative Wholesale Society, settled out of court with the CWS. They agreed damages thought to be over £1 million .... **Page 29**

Economy: The "feel-good" factor has hit a ten-year high but consumers are crediting building society windfall payments rather than the Government .... **Page 29**

Sears: Sears is to demerge its Selfridges department store business .... **Page 29**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 20 points to close at 4389.7. Sterling rose from 99.7 to 99.9 after a rise from $1.6230 to $1.6237 and from DM2.7977 to DM2.8054 .... **Page 32**

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Cricket: Ireland were four wickets from their first win over a county side when they reduced Middlesex to 134 for six in the Benson and Hedges Cup .... **Page 56**

Football: Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, put his squad through their paces in their penultimate training session for the World Cup qualifier against Georgia .. **Page 56**

Snooker: John Parrott claimed a place in the quarter-finals of the Embassy world championship in Sheffield with a 13-11 victory over Anthony Hamilton............ **Page 56**

Rugby league: Scott Gibbs is seeking a temporary release from his rugby union contract with Swansea to play for St Helens in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final ... **Page 56**

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Grimm smile: Roderick Watkins's opera *The Juniper Tree* had its premiere at the Munich Biennale and turned out to be a very British triumph, with a very Grimm fairytale .... **Page 38**

Women on top: Richard Cork reviews London shows by two pioneering British artists — the macabre work of Christine Borland, and the raw self-exposure of Tracey Emin...................... **Page 39**

High old time: EMI celebrated its hundredth birthday in high style — and at steep prices — with a line-up including Hampson, Lott, Alagna and Gheorghiu .... **Page 39**

Cash up front: Johnny Cash remains the rough-cut king of country, displaying his wide appeal at the Albert Hall.................. **Page 40**

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Early learning: How much should children be told about drugs when children as young as ten already have a detailed knowledge of the drug scene? .... **Page 20**

Keep away: David Charter reports on how the young are being educated about and warned against drugs.................................. **Page 20**

My junkie sister: "The love that connects siblings enables 'clean' children to enact 'tough love'. And rightly or wrongly, my love does not allow me to write Tess off — not yet, at least." .... **Page 21**

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Blackmail: When a private contractor wheel-clamps a car parked for only a few minutes and demands an exorbitant fee, can he be prosecuted for blackmail? .... **Page 43**

Save the children: More could be done to counter the sexual exploitation of children, argues Allan Levy, QC .... **Page 41**

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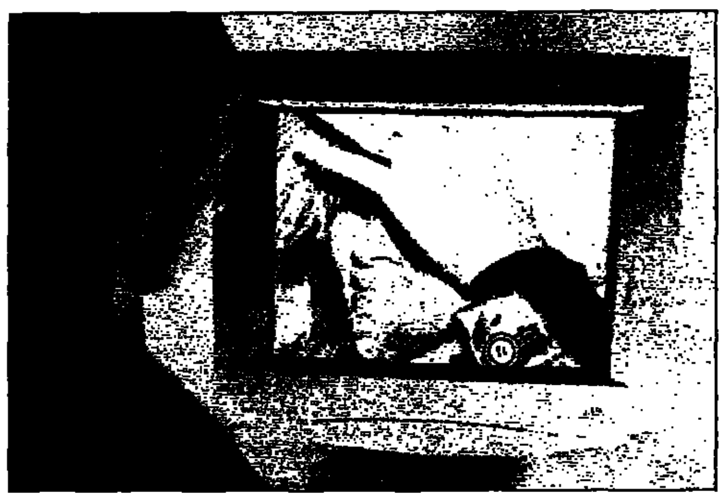
The Turkish military are a step away from getting rid of Necmettin Erbakan, who for the past ten months has led the first Islamic government in Turkey since the end of the Ottoman Caliphate. Turkey thus faces the same dilemma as Algeria in 1992: can power be entrusted to those who seek to use democracy to create an Islamic state which would then suppress democracy? — *La Repubblica*



TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ INTERFACE
Stalkers have moved onto the Internet. Now they are themselves on the run

■ HOMES
You can do it yourself or hire professionals: either way, moving house is seldom easy

TV LISTINGS

Preview: Robson Green plays a detective hunting serial criminals: *Touching Evil* (ITV, 9pm). **Review:** Lynne Truss on an epidemic thriller that failed to thrill .... **Page 55**

OPINION

Principles not parties

For *The Times* today — and for *The Times* in the spirit of its best past — the European future is the fulcrum of public policy. A proper sense of the choices now facing this country, a profound vision of how the current moves to unite Europe could all so easily bring its collapse, a clear-sighted understanding of the gulf between what our partners say, what they mean and what they really want: that is what Britain needs to be able to vote for at this election. The divergent views on this subject ought to form the line along which the parties divide: but they do not. They form dividing lines only within the parties. In the Conservatives the lines are open and opening further by the day; this process will continue until a new leader matches the spirit of the new MPs. In the Labour Party the lines are largely closed by discipline and fear of defeat: but they may still be uncovered. Our endorsement in this election, therefore, falls not on a party slate but upon individual candidates whose European ideals we can support .... **Page 23**

COLUMNS

MICHAEL PORTILLO

Mr Blair has learnt a lesson from four successive election defeats. He knows that he cannot win power by following his instincts. The people have rejected them, though he does not understand why. In his desperation for power he seeks direction elsewhere........................... **Page 22**

LIBBY PURVES

Both main parties know from their canvassing that indecision is rife. This is why Tony Blair strives modestly to avoid the unconditional future tense, why John Major uses it constantly, and why both sides long to pelt Edwina Currie with duff eggs .... **Page 22**

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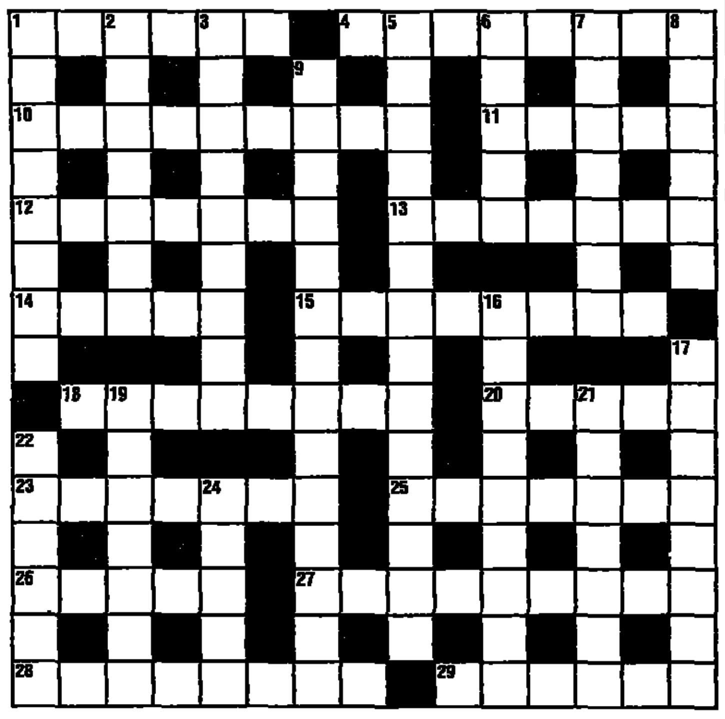

ACROSS

1 Lower or upper-class girl with a Home Counties following (6).
4 Like a good monk, taking to Bede in translation (8).
10 Maurice who was one up in France? (9).
11 Loathe being trapped by Arab horsemen (5).
12 Drier in kitchen is hard to pull around (7).
13 Foreign royal visitor, fascinated by unique tree in nursery (7).
14 Flyover not opened in area of high pressure (5).
15 *Angle he'll present as a dissolute* old fellow (8).
18 American disaster movie seen in this? (8).
20 *Critical comments for audience in* show (5).
23 Clown's bare skin visible, having nothing on (7).
25 Spectacles of girls following guide leader (7).
26 Nothing green in Paris is observable (5).
27 Cross one pair of rivers, I propose (9).
28 Chaff harmful in later years (8).
29 *Supporter of half-day closing* (6).

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1 Half-made fruit drinks for play-offs (8).
2 Favoured minor in part of garden (7).
3 Deep breath? (3-6).
5 Guides supporting construction of brick we see one side of the border (7,7).
6 *Happy, perhaps, making notes* about conflict (5).
7 It can be found in new ale and hot rum (7).
8 Direction keeps Henry in step (6).
9 Artistic work that needs an index (6,8).
16 A heavenly time, hopefully, from now on (9).
17 Plot dates in order to provide framework for retirement (8).
19 *Part of pitch in Liverpool ground* reopened (7).
21 Apparent evil besetting relative (7).
22 *Jack's World* digest? (6).
24 Repeating decimal? (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,465

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Poole, Dorset, 19C (66F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Capel Curig, Gwynedd, 0.71in; highest sunshine: Clacton, Essex, 7.6hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales should see any showers dying out from the west as the morning goes on. Most places will then have a dry day with sunny spells, but cloud will increase from the west later. It will be warm, with the northwesterly breeze dying down.

Scotland and Northern Ireland should be mostly dry with sunny spells. Northeastern parts of Scotland will have showers or some longer spells of rain for a time. It will be breezy at first.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, E England, NE England:** showers dying out, then dry with sunny spells. Wind northwesterly, fresh, moderating. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, Channel Isles, NW England, Lake District and Central N England:** generally dry with clear or sunny spells. Wind northwesterly, moderate to fresh. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **SW England, S Wales, N Wales, Isle of Man, and N Ireland:** dry at first with sunny spells, becoming cloudy with drizzle later. Wind west or northwest, mainly moderate. Max 14C-16C (57F-61F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, and NW Scotland:** showers dying out, then dry with clear or sunny spells. Wind northwesterly, moderate to fresh. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, and Shetland:** mostly cloudy with showers or longer spells of rain. Wind westerly, moderate to fresh. Max 10C-12C (50F-54F).

☐ **Outlook:** cloudy and damp in the west, the east dry with sunny spells.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm, b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm, du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog, g=gale; h=hail, r=rain, sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

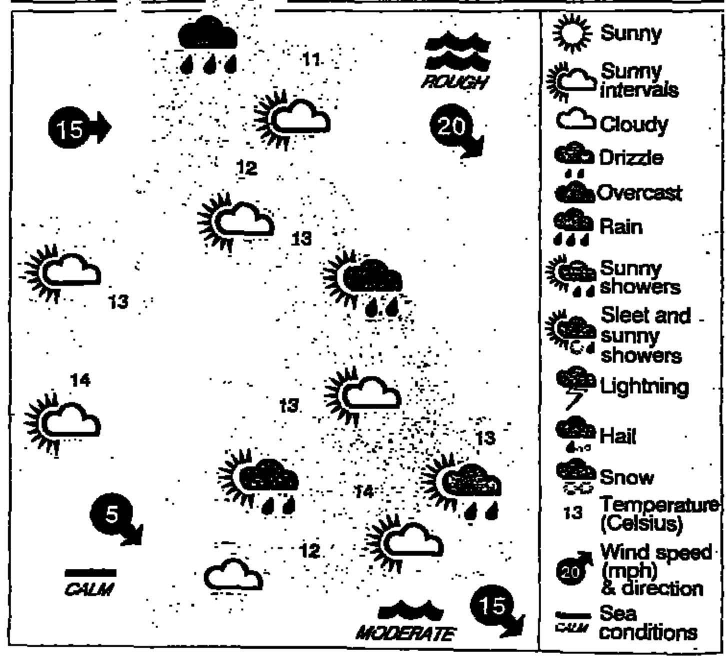
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.28	15	59	sh
Anglesey	0.9	0.15	12	54	sh
Aspatria	0.9	0.27	13	55	r
Aviemore	3.0	0.02	17	63	sh
Belfast	-	0.47	12	54	r
Birmingham	X				
Bognor R	5.1	0.06	16	61	s
Bournem'th	6.0	0.06	17	63	s
Bristol	X				
Buxton	2.1	0.70	12	54	r
Cardiff	6.0	0.11	15	59	sh
Clacton	7.6	0.03	17	63	sh
Cleethorpes	X				
Colwyn Bay	X				
Cromer	4.8	0.09	17	63	sh
Dunbar	X				
Eastbourne	5.9	0.05	14	57	c
Edinburgh	4.4	0.10	17	63	sh
Eskdalemuir	0.4	0.65	12	54	sh
Exmouth	X				
Falmouth	X				
Fishguard	2.6	0.10	13	55	r
Folkestone	5.9	0.02	16	61	b
Glasgow	1.7	0.19	15	59	r
Guernsey	3.0	0.13	16	61	b
Hastings	*6.0*	*0.01*	*14*	*57*	*s*
Hayling I.	5.0	0.04	15	59	b
Herne Bay	5.5	0.01	18	64	b
Hove	4.3	-	15	59	c
Hunstanton	X	0.05	14	57	sh
Ilfracombe	X				
Isle of Man	1.7	0.20	12	54	r
Jersey	2.2	0.20	14	57	c
Kinloss	6.6	0.16	18	64	b
Leeds	5.5	0.21	15	59	sh
Lerwick	-	0.06	8	46	fg
Leuchars	8.4	0.06	18	64	sh
Littlehmptn	5.0	0.04	16	61	s
London	4.9	0.03	18	64	r
Lowestoft	5.7	0.06	18	64	t
Manchester	1.8	0.44	15	59	r
Margate	X				
Minehead	4.8	0.04	16	61	sh
Morecambe	1.2	0.36	13	55	r
Newcastle	4.8	0.02	15	59	sh
Newquay	X				
Norwich	5.3	0.08	18	64	sh
Oxford	7.2	0.01	16	61	sh
Penzance	X				
Poole	6.2	0.06	19	66	s
Prestatyn	X	0.20	14	57	r
Ross-o-wye	5.8	0.02	16	61	s
Ryde	4.7	0.04	16	61	b
Salcombe	4.9	0.22	15	59	s
Sandown	5.1	0.03	15	59	b
Saunton Snd	2.5	0.12	16	61	b
Shanklin	X				
Shrewsbury	5.0	0.04	15	59	sh
Skegness	4.5	0.19	17	63	sh
Southend	*5.8*	*0.01*	*17*	*63*	*b*
Southport	3.8	0.40	13	55	r
Stornoway	1.1	0.53	15	59	r
Swanage	6.4	0.06	16	61	s
Tenby	6.8	0.16	15	59	s
Tiree	0.4	0.32	12	54	d
Torquay	6.4	0.04	17	63	b
Ventnor	5.0	0.06	14	57	b
Weymouth	5.8	0.14	15	59	s

ABROAD

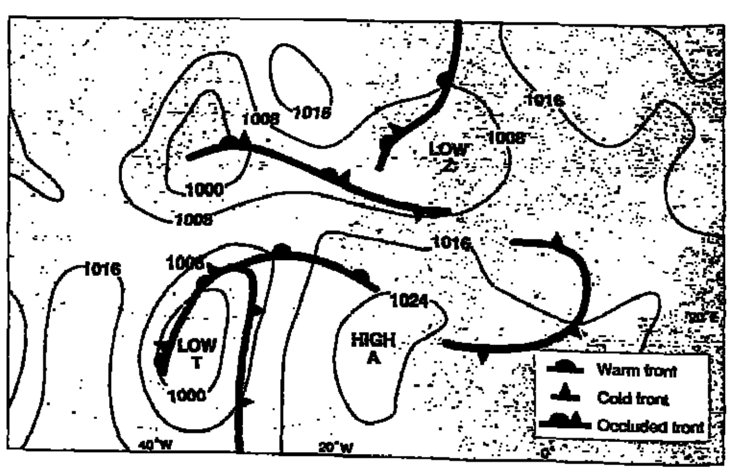
Ajaccio	15	59	f	Corfu	18	64	s	Majorca	25	77	f	Rome	14	57	f
Akrotiri	18	64	s	C'phagn	13	55	s	Malaga	27	81	s	S Fr'isco	15	59	s
Alex'dria	20	68	f	Dublin	12	54	s	Malta	19	66	s	S Paulo	25	77	f
Algiers	25	77	f	Dubrovnik	15	59	s	Melb'rne	25	77	s	Salzburg	10	50	r
Amst'dm	13	55	c	Faro	21	70	s	Mexico C	X			Santiago	26	79	s
Athens	19	66	s	Florence	15	59	c	Miami	28	82	r	Seoul	21	70	s
B Aires	22	72	s	Frankfurt	14	57	f	Milan	11	52	f	Sing'por	32	90	f
Bahrain	31	88	s	Funchal	20	68	s	Montreal	15	59	s	St'kholm	12	54	s
Bangkok	34	93	s	Geneva	11	52	r	Moscow	7	45	c	Strasb'rg	13	55	r
Barbados	29	84	f	Gibraltar	24	75	s	Munich	9	48	r	Sydney	21	70	s
Barcelona	18	64	f	Helsinki	9	48	f	N Delhi	33	91	f	Tangier	21	70	f
Beirut	19	66	f	Hong K	24	75	f	N York	18	64	s	Tel Aviv	18	64	c
Belgrade	22	72	s	Innsbrck	9	48	r	Nairobi	24	75	c	Tenerife	24	75	s
Berlin	17	63	f	Istanbul	13	55	s	Naples	16	61	f	Tokyo	21	70	s
Bermuda	20	68	f	Jeddah	36	97	s	Nice	22	72	s	Toronto	12	54	c
Biarritz	14	57	r	Jo'burg	21	70	s	Oslo	11	52	s	Tunis	26	79	s
Borde'x	16	61	c	L Angels	21	70	c	Paris	15	59	c	Valencia	27	81	f
Brussels	13	55	c	L Palmas	23	73	s	Peking	24	75	s	Vanc'ver	11	52	f
Budapst	18	64	c	Le Tquet	13	55	f	Perth	19	66	f	Venice	13	55	r
Cairo	22	72	f	Lisbon	20	68	f	Prague	12	54	c	Vienna	17	63	f
Cape Tn	16	61	c	Locarno	8	46	f	Reykjavik	8	46	c	Warsaw	15	59	s
Ch'church	12	54	r	Luxembg	13	55	c	Rhodes	17	63	s	Wash'ton	16	61	f
Chicago	13	55	f	Luxor	31	88	s	Rio de J	26	79	f	Wel'ngton	18	64	[illegible]
Cologne	11	52	r	Madrid	21	70	f	Riyadh	37	99	s	Zurich	11	52	r

Temperatures at midday local time on Sunday X - not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to chart below from noon: high A will move north and build; low Z will continue to fill and move east; low T will fill and move north



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	06.51	6.6	19.09	6.4
Aberdeen	06.27	3.7	19.16	3.6
Avonmouth	-	-	12.15	11.2
Belfast	04.02	3.2	16.48	3.1
Cardiff	-	-	12.01	10.4
Devonport	10.39	4.7	23.01	4.8
Dover	03.51	6.0	16.26	5.9
Dublin (N Wall)	04.48	3.7	17.39	3.5
Falmouth	10.10	4.5	22.32	4.6
Greenock	05.27	3.1	17.56	3.0
Harwich	04.49	3.7	17.09	3.5
Holyhead	03.19	5.0	15.57	4.7
Hull (Albert D)	11.22	7.7	-	-
Ilfracombe	11.07	7.8	23.39	7.7
King's Lynn	11.27	5.7	-	-
Leith	07.50	4.8	20.29	4.8
Liverpool	04.09	8.5	16.40	8.1
Lowestoft	02.36	2.2	14.43	2.2
Margate	04.57	4.4	17.19	4.3
Milford Haven	11.24	5.8	23.57	5.8
Newquay	10.21	5.9	22.55	5.9
Oban	10.41	3.1	23.34	3.1
Penzance	09.48	4.6	22.23	4.7
Portland	-	-	12.06	1.5
Portsmouth	04.18	4.2	17.01	4.2
Shoreham	03.58	5.4	16.37	5.4
Southampton	03.39	4.1	16.15	4.1
Swansea	11.37	8.0	-	-
Tees	09.00	4.8	21.45	4.7
Walton-on-N	04.46	3.8	17.04	3.7

All times BST Heights in metres.

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 5.36 am
Sun sets: 8.21 pm
Moon sets: 11.12 am
Moon rises: 1.45 am

London 8.21 pm to 5.35 am
Bristol 8.30 pm to 5.44 am
Edinburgh 8.48 pm to 5.31 am
Manchester 8.35 pm to 5.36 am
Penzance 8.38 pm to 6.00 am

Last quarter tomorrow

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